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WELCOME TO ZONE JAIL-- A PRISON TO HOLD THE BADDEST OF THE BAD ACROSS ALL DIMENSIONS-- WHERE SCOURGE, THE "EVIL SONIC," MUST WIN OVER A GANG OF DANGEROUS MERCENARIES IF HE'S EVER TO ESCAPE!

I DON'T CARE HOW LAME THE DESTRUCTIX MIGHT BE! IF THEY CAN GET ME OUT OF THIS PLACE, IT'LL BE WORTH MAKING NICE WITH THEM!

HOW'S THAT, SNOT? YA LIKE THAT?

NOT TOO HARD! HE MIGHT START CRYING!

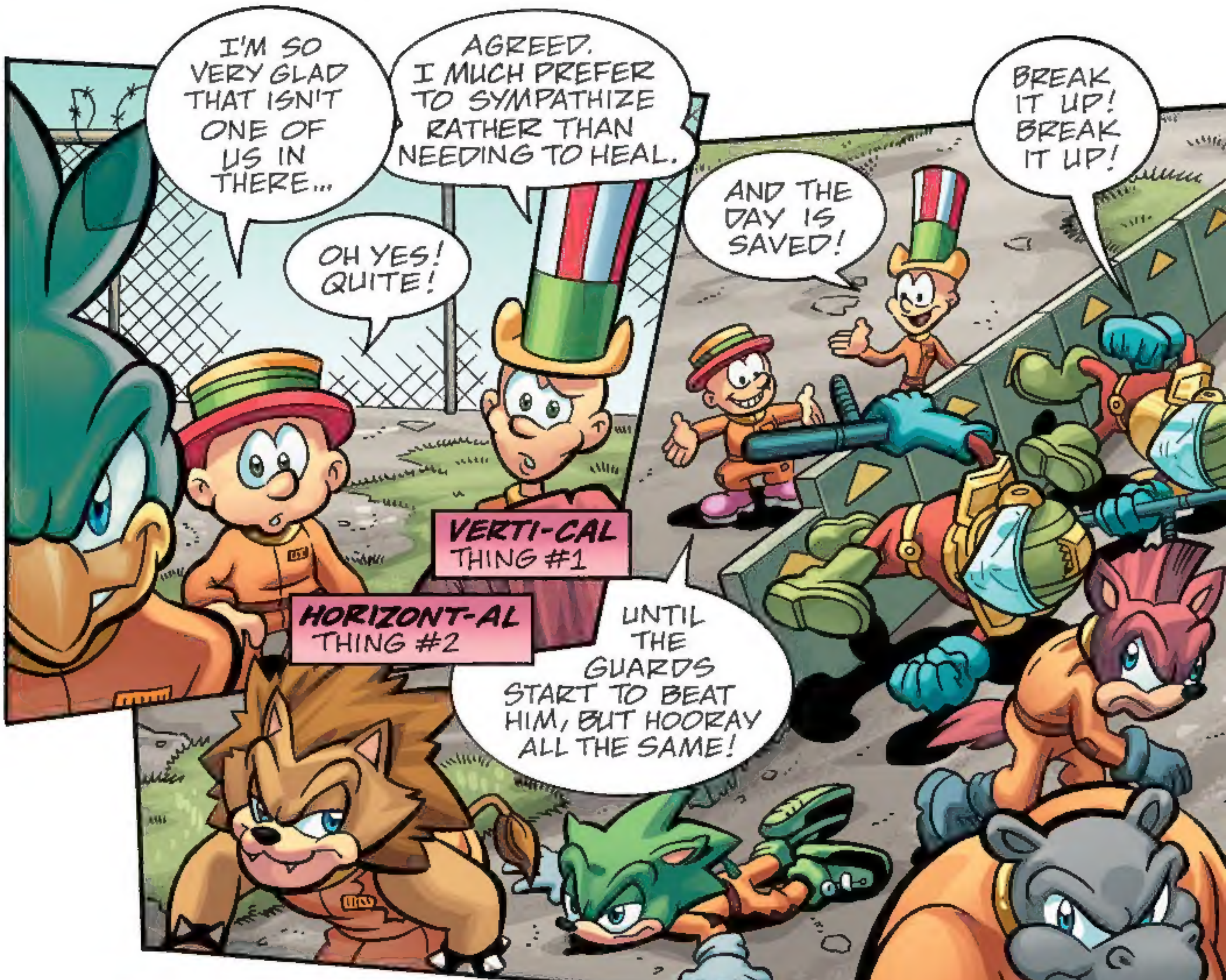
HA HA HA HA!

SCOURGE THE HEDGE-HOG BITTER PUNCHING BAG

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ANY PORT IN A STORM



I'M SO VERY GLAD THAT ISN'T ONE OF US IN THERE...

AGREED. I MUCH PREFER TO SYMPATHIZE RATHER THAN NEEDING TO HEAL.

BREAK IT UP! BREAK IT UP!

AND THE DAY IS SAVED!

OH YES! QUITE!

VERTI-CAL THING #1

HORIZONT-AL THING #2

UNTIL THE GUARDS START TO BEAT HIM, BUT HOORAY ALL THE SAME!



WE'RE ROOTING FOR YOU, PAL!

Ugh. AND THEY'RE THE CLOSEST THING I HAVE TO "FRIENDS" IN THIS HOLE...



COME WITH US, MAGGOT. THE WARDEN WANTS TO SEE YOU.

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!

Ooh! THE WARDEN! PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR US, BUDDY!

USE A DICTIONARY IF YOU HAVE TO!

AH, MY PRIZE PRISONER! YOU DIDN'T GIVE THE GUARDS ANY TROUBLE, DID YOU? OF COURSE NOT! YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TO BEING REFORMED, THANKS TO MY MARVELOUS FACILITY!

YEAH... WHAT YOU SAID.

WARDEN ZOBOTNIK
JAIL ADMINISTRATOR

I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED FOR YOU, SCOURGE. I'VE MADE IT MY MISSION TO REFORM YOU...

UH-HUH.

...SO WHEN I ASK, "WHAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN YOU AND THE DESTRUCTIX?" YOU KNOW I ONLY HAVE YOUR BEST INTERESTS AT HEART.

OH, THEM? THEY'RE JUST MARKING ME AS THEIR FAVORITE PUNCHING BAG. NOTHING SPECIAL.

Hmmm. I'D LIKE YOU TO SEE SOMETHING...

THIS IS THE FOOTAGE FROM WHEN THAT GANG OF PRIME-ZONERS WERE ARRESTED.

STAY WHERE YOU ARE!

YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE MULTIVERSE LOCK-DOWN! IF YOU ARE AGENTS OF DR. NEGA, SURRENDER YOURSELVES NOW!

THEY WANT US TO GO IN QUIETLY, BOYS.

BUT WE DON'T DO ANYTHING "QUIETLY," DO WE?

KER-RASH!

FALL BACK!
FALL BACK!

CRACK!
AUGH!

KA-BOOM!

OFFICER
DOWN!

ZAP! ZAP!

BACK-UP! WE
NEED BACK-UP!

HE RIPPED
OFF MY--!

CLICK!

THESE MONSTERS
ARE **TOO** HARDCORE FOR
YOU TO HANDLE. YOUR
SUPPRESSION SQUAD WERE
MERE THUGS, AND YOUR
ANTICS WITH THE VARIOUS
ROBOTNIKS OF THE MULTI-
VERSE ARE **NOTHING**
COMPARED TO THESE
MERCENARIES!

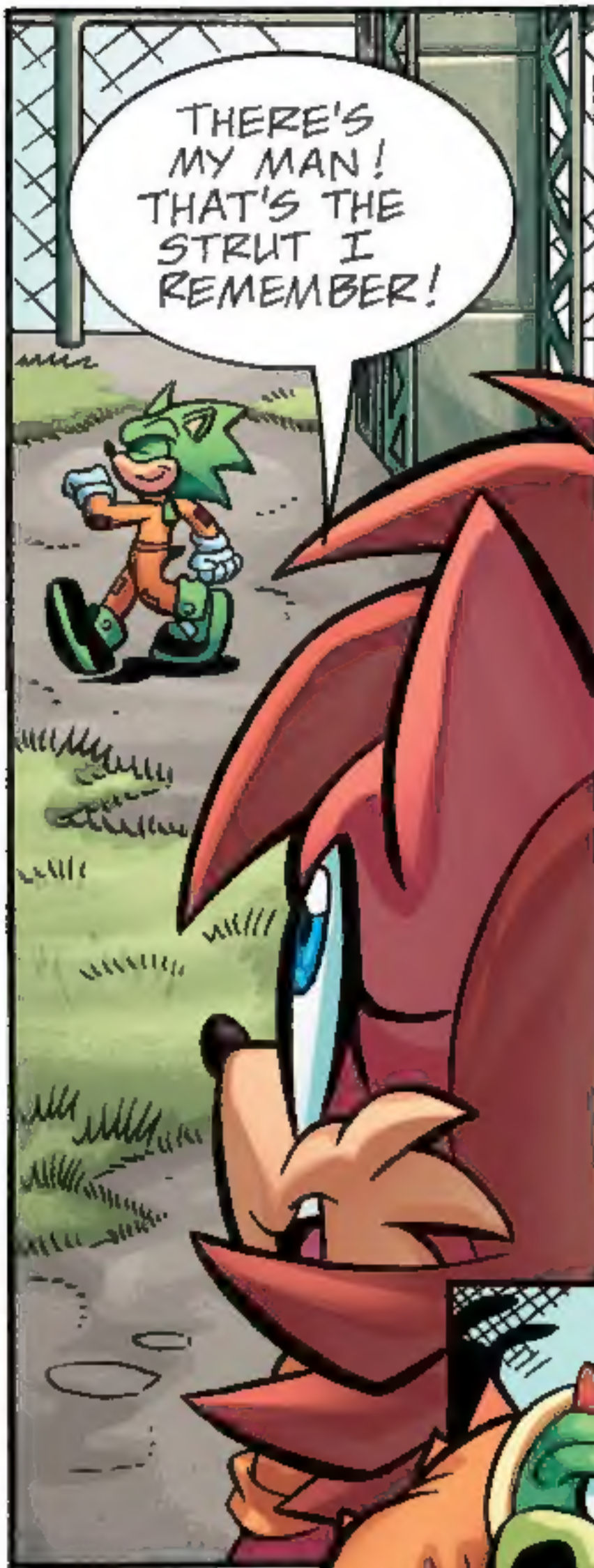
YOU CAN TAKE YOUR
LUMPS, BUT I WORRY
THEY'LL BREAK YOU
WORSE THAN I
EVER--ER--EVER
IMAGINED.

DON'T
WORRY,
SIR. IF
THINGS
GET
OUT OF
HAND,
I'LL
COME
TO
YOU.

THANK YOU,
MY BOY.
YOU'VE MADE
THE RIGHT
CHOICE.

AT LAST! HIS SPIRIT
HAS BEEN BROKEN!
NOW I CAN REMOLD
HIM AS A FORCE
FOR GOOD!

I'LL WIPE
MY FEET
ON YOUR
FACE ON MY
WAY OUT THE DOOR.



THERE'S MY MAN! THAT'S THE STRUT I REMEMBER!



Meh. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU SEE IN "SNOT," KID. I'VE SEEN MILDEW STAINS TOUGHER THAN HIM.



JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE HIM IN ACTION, ABBY. HE'S AMAZING.

FIONA FOX LIKES THE BAD BOYS



Peh. I'VE BEEN HERE THIRTY YEARS. SEEN PLENTY OF MORONS AND PRETENDERS MARCH THROUGH HERE...

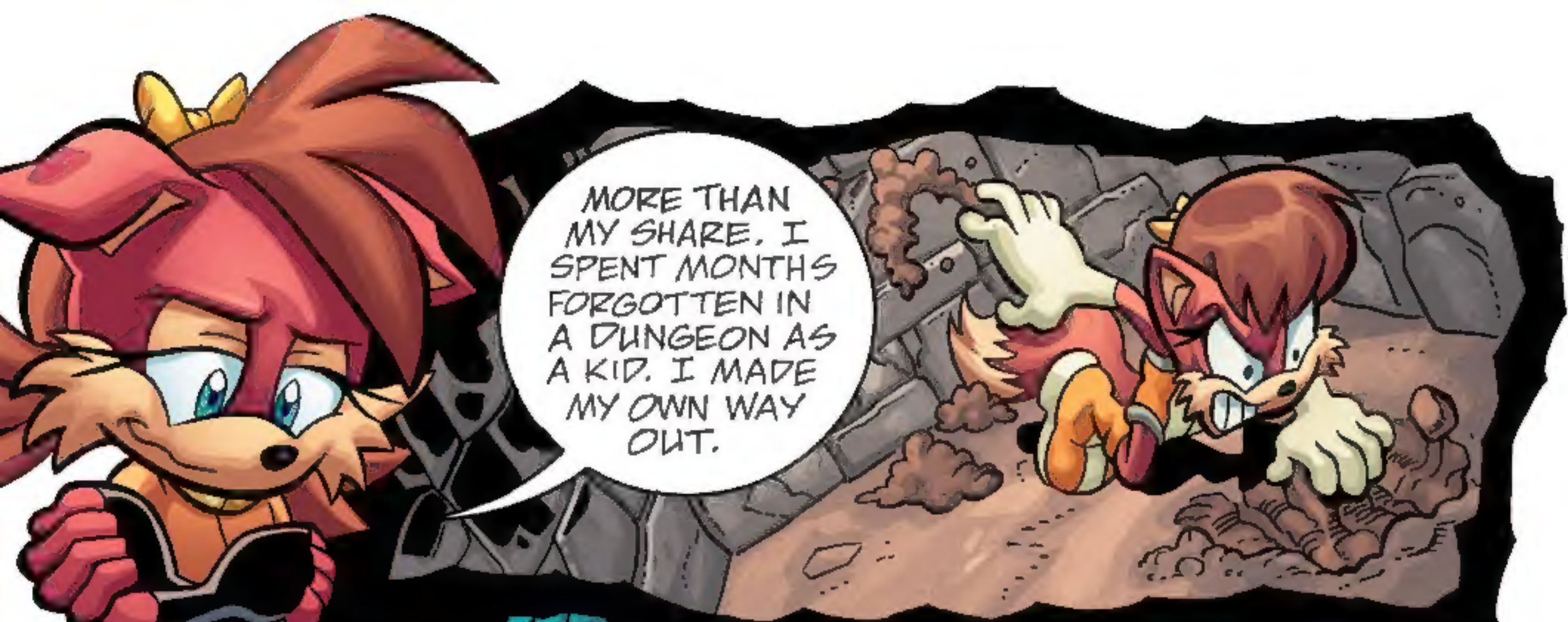
THE EXTRA MEAL YOU WANTED SMUGGLED OUT, MA'AM...



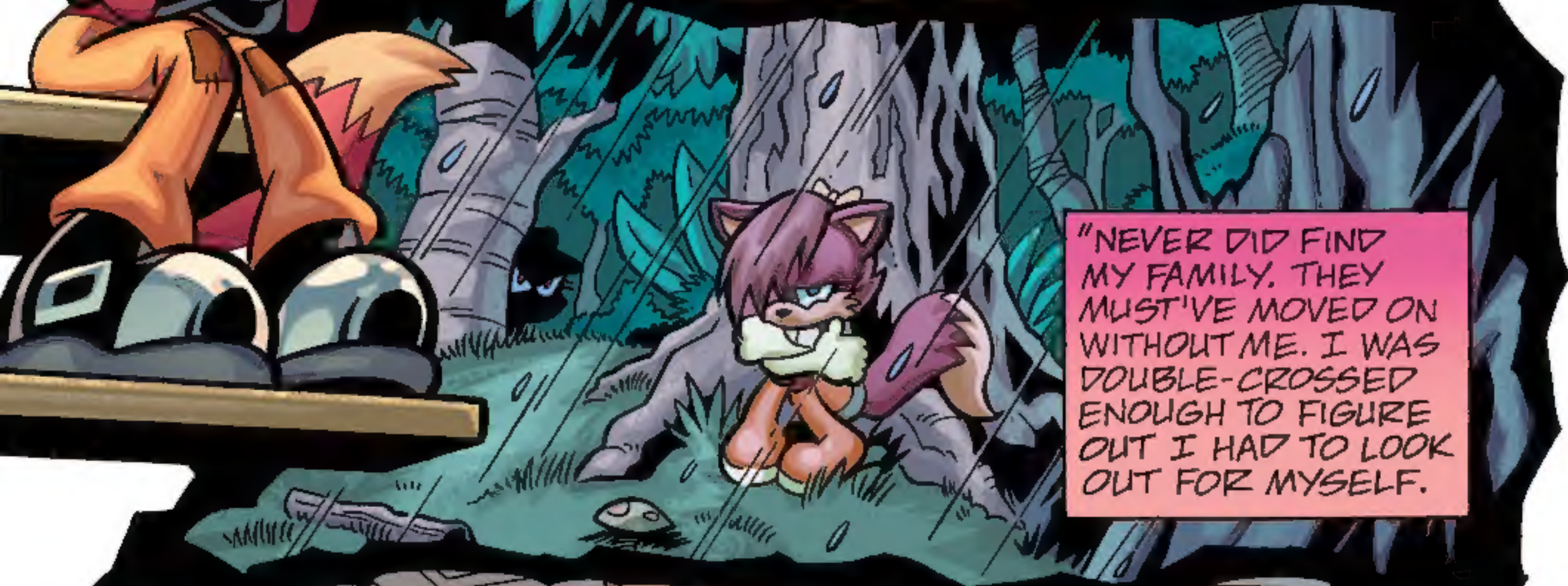
I HATE GRAPES.

BUT NOT YOU. I GOT A FEELING ABOUT YOU, SISTER. YOU'VE DONE HARD TIME BEFORE.





MORE THAN MY SHARE. I SPENT MONTHS FORGOTTEN IN A DUNGEON AS A KID. I MADE MY OWN WAY OUT.



"NEVER DID FIND MY FAMILY. THEY MUST'VE MOVED ON WITHOUT ME. I WAS DOUBLE-CROSSED ENOUGH TO FIGURE OUT I HAD TO LOOK OUT FOR MYSELF.



"AND THEN USING OTHER PEOPLE BECAME SECOND NATURE. AFTER THAT... THE WORLD'S YOUR OYSTER."

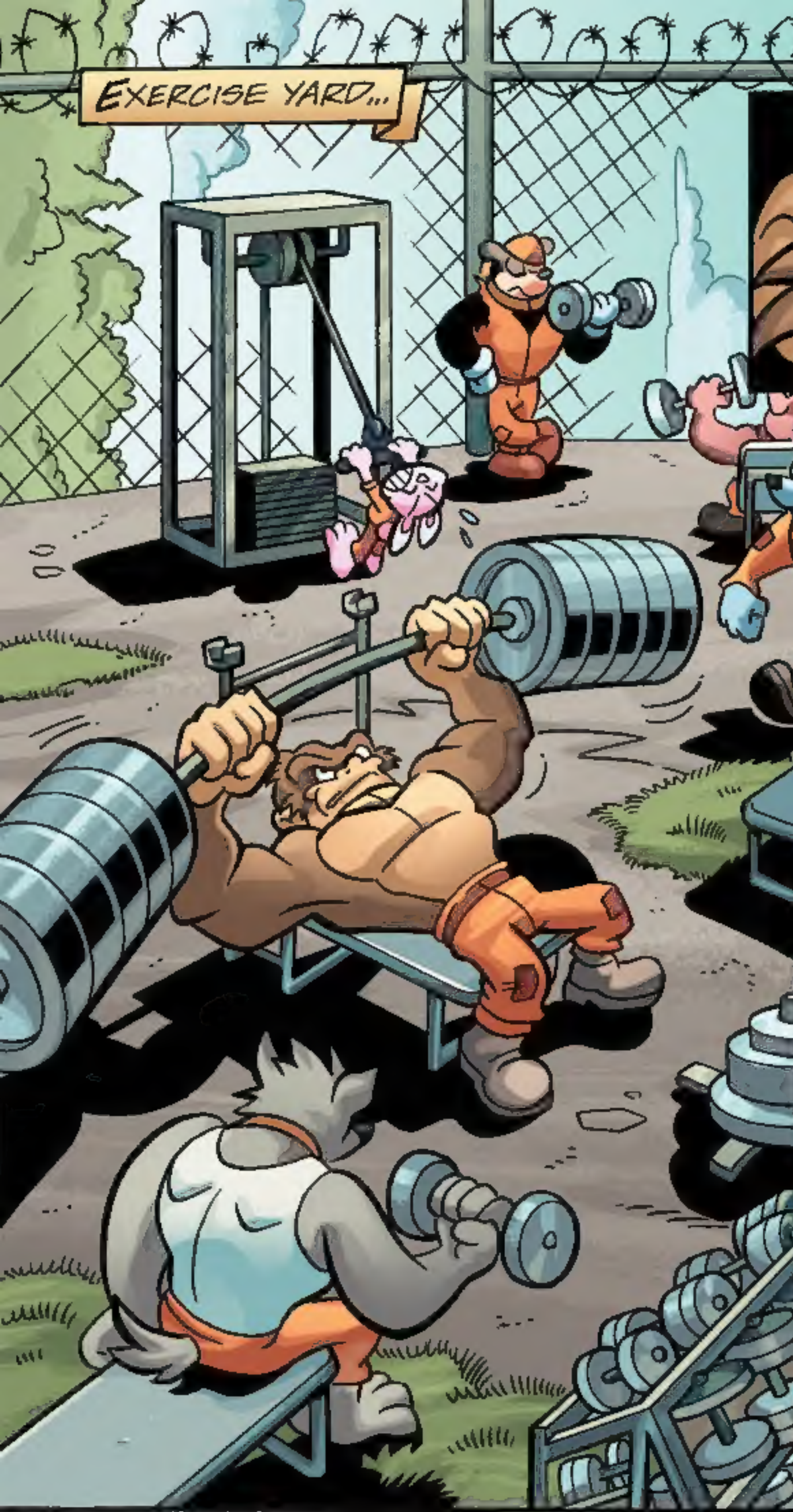


DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME OR MY BOYS.



I ALWAYS HAVE A WAY OUT.

EXERCISE YARD...



GRRRR



'SUP? WANT ME TO SPOT YOU?

YOU DON'T WEIGH HALF AS MUCH AS THE BAR.

FINE. LOOK, I'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY.



SO NOW I AM WORTH YOUR TIME?

YES! SURE! CRIMINY, WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?

SGT. SIMIAN
DESTRUCTIX
STRONGMAN



"LET ME TELL YOU A STORY. YEARS AGO, WHEN DR. ROBOTNIK'S FORCES FIRST BEGAN TO SPREAD, I WANTED TO TAKE ACTION..."

WHO CARES IF IT'S AN ACT OF WAR?! THOSE ROBOTS TOOK A SHOT AT YOU, GRANDPA! WE HAVE TO STRIKE BACK!

MELLOW OUT, SIMON! THE GREAT JUNGLE IS MASSIVE. THE FAT MAN'S ROBOTS WON'T FIND US AGAIN!

"I TOOK MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS, BUT..."

NONE OF THESE WEAPONS WERE BOUGHT, WERE THEY?

WHAT DOES IT MATTER?! DR. ROBOTNIK HAS A BASE ON THE EDGE OF THE JUNGLE! * WE CAN DESTROY IT AND END THIS TONIGHT!

*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 12 FOR THE AFTERMATH!

FINE, SIMON. HAVE YOUR LITTLE WAR. ABANDON OUR PEACEFUL WAYS AND HAVE A BLAST.

BUT YOU'RE NOT DRAGGING OUR FAMILY, OR OUR PEOPLE, INTO THE FIRE WITH YOU!

"SO I WENT TO WAGE MY ONE-MAN WAR..."

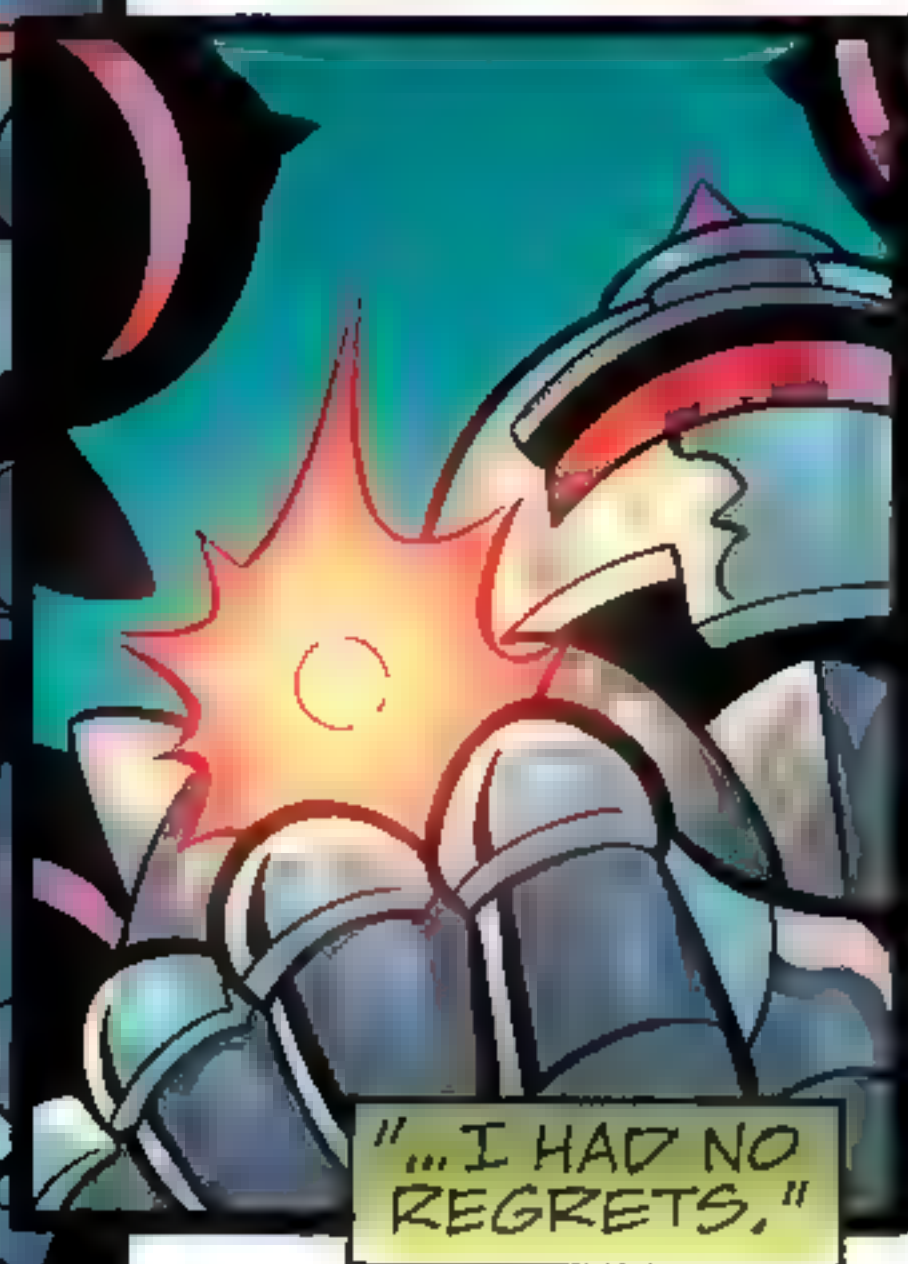
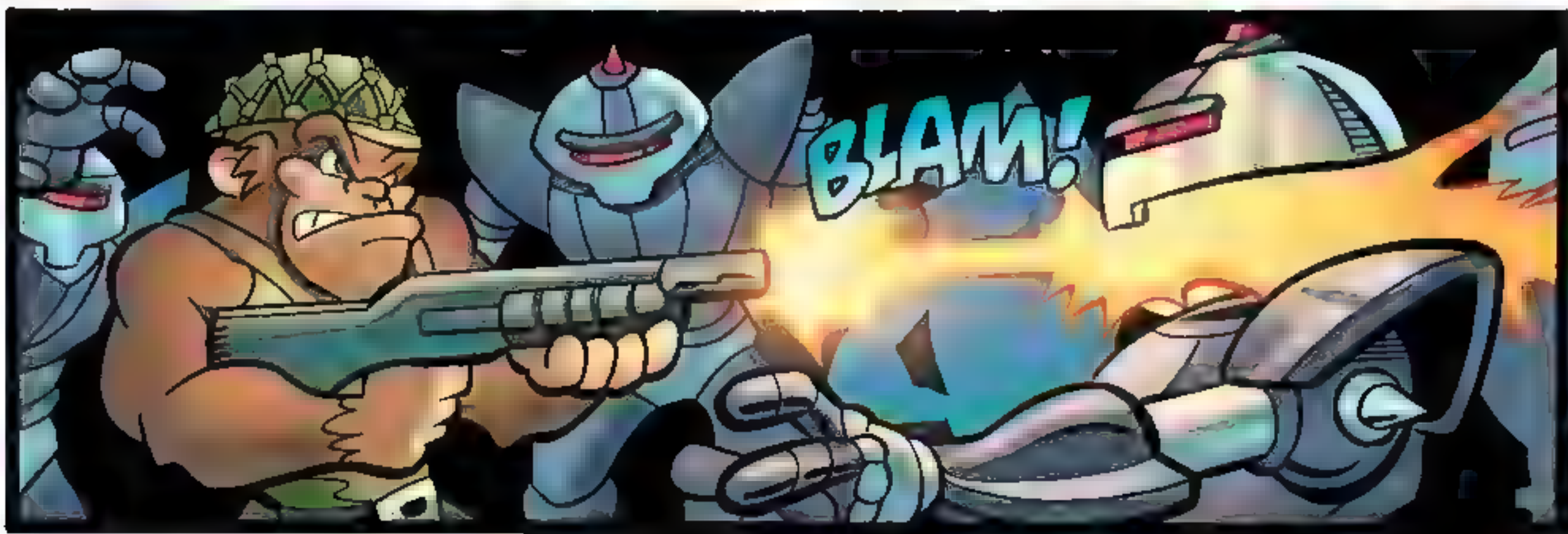
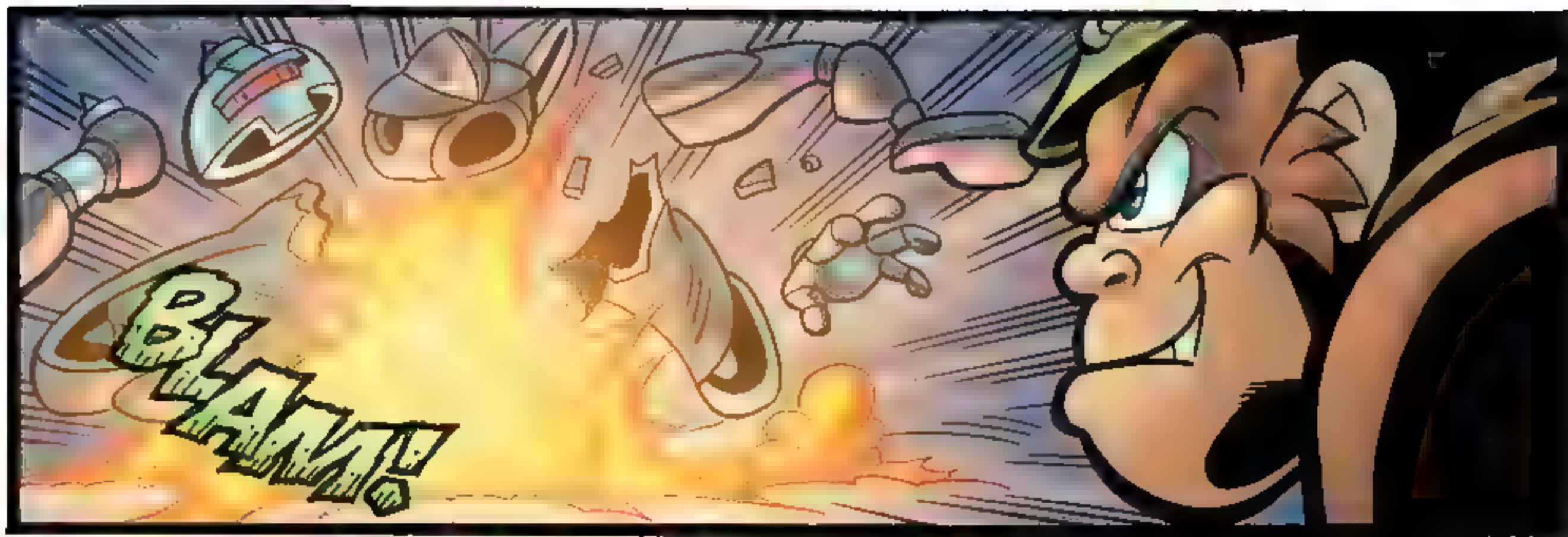


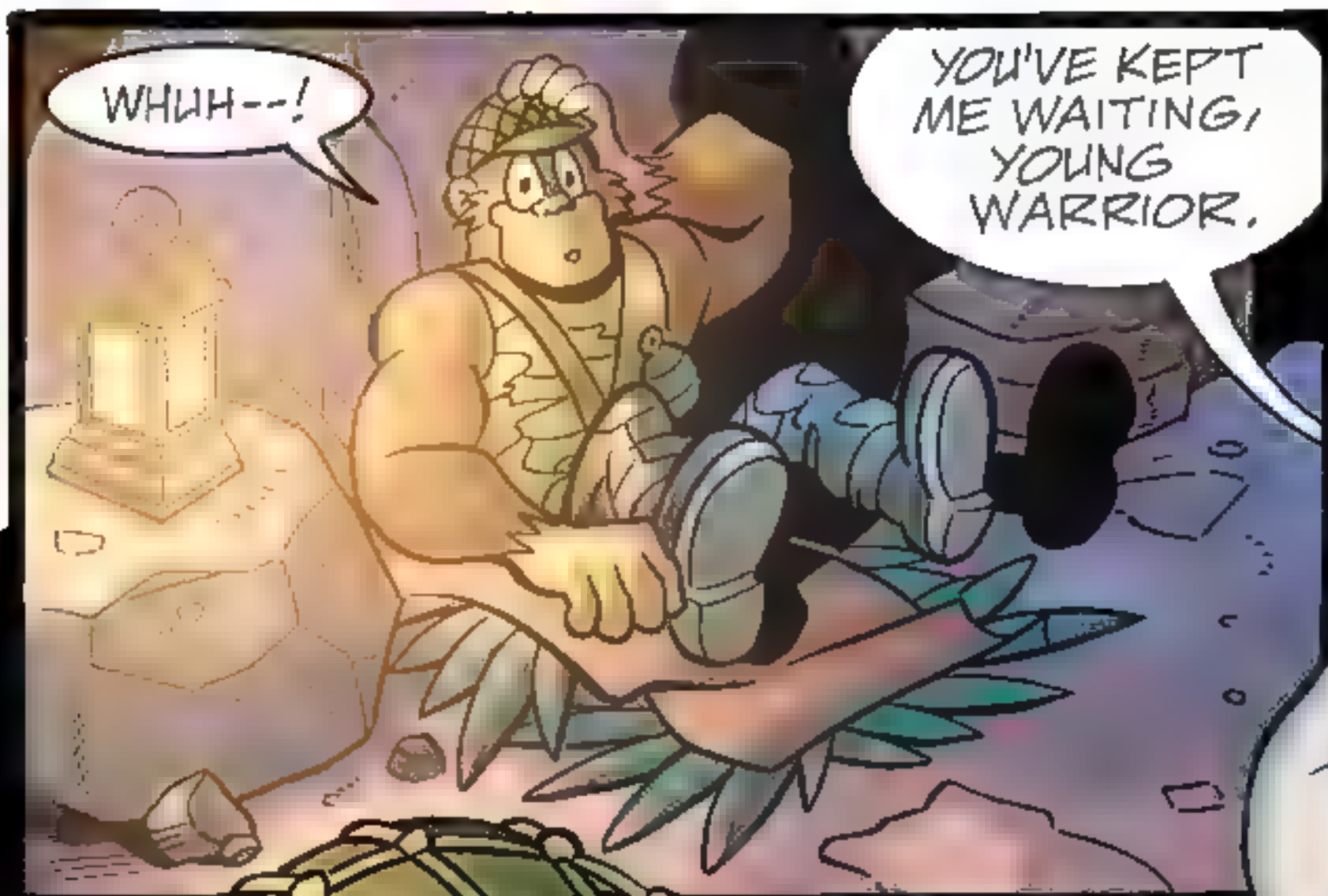
"AND I WAS GLORIOUS."

CLANG!



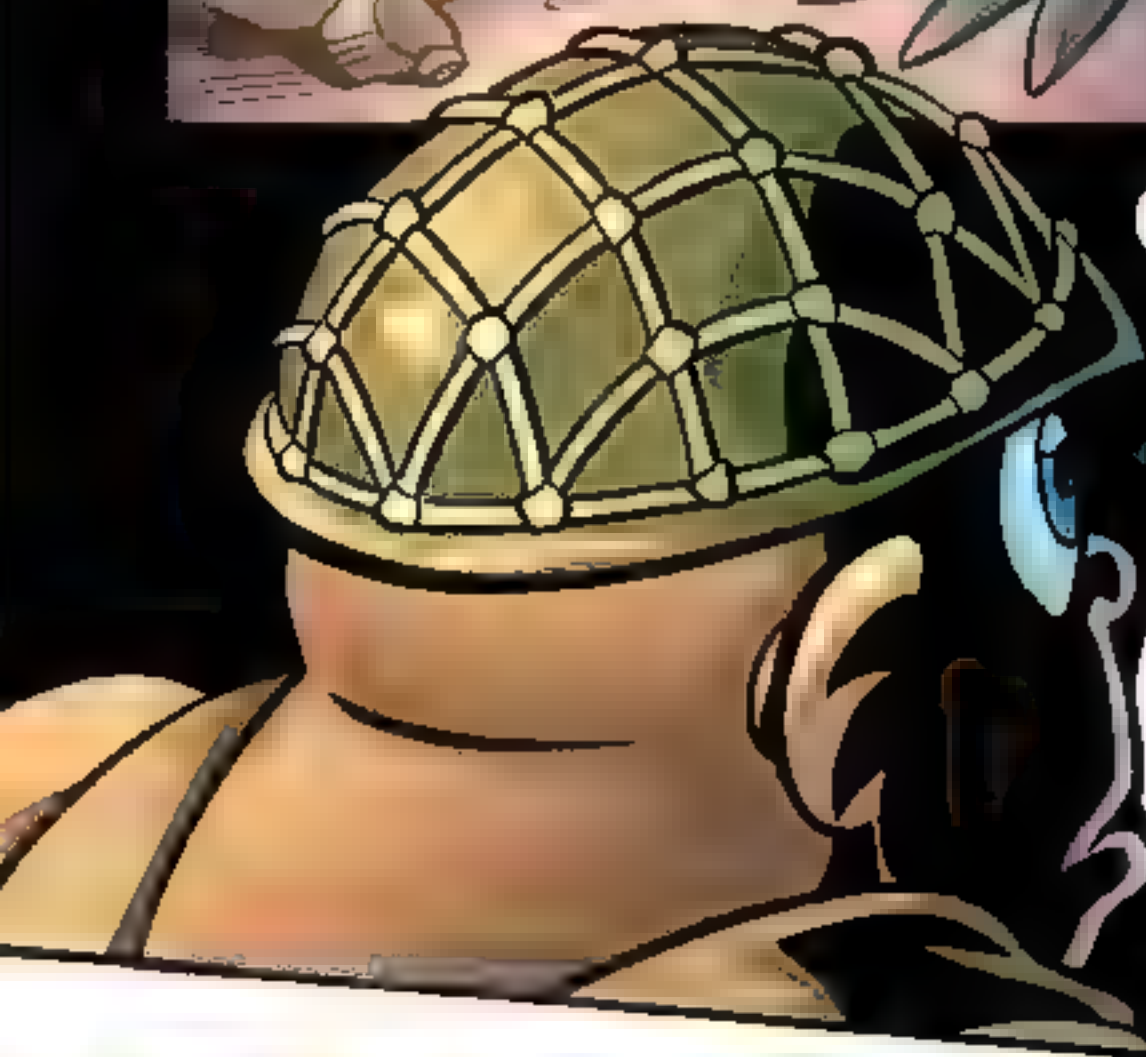
CRACK-OW!





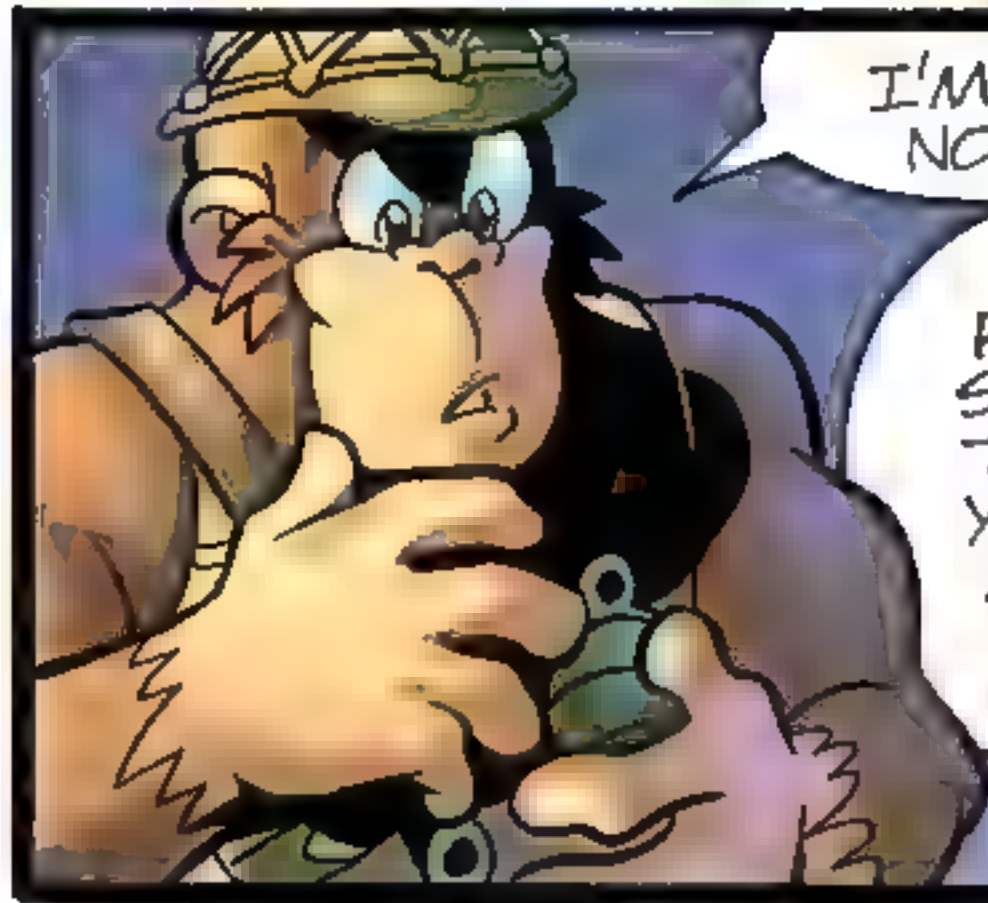
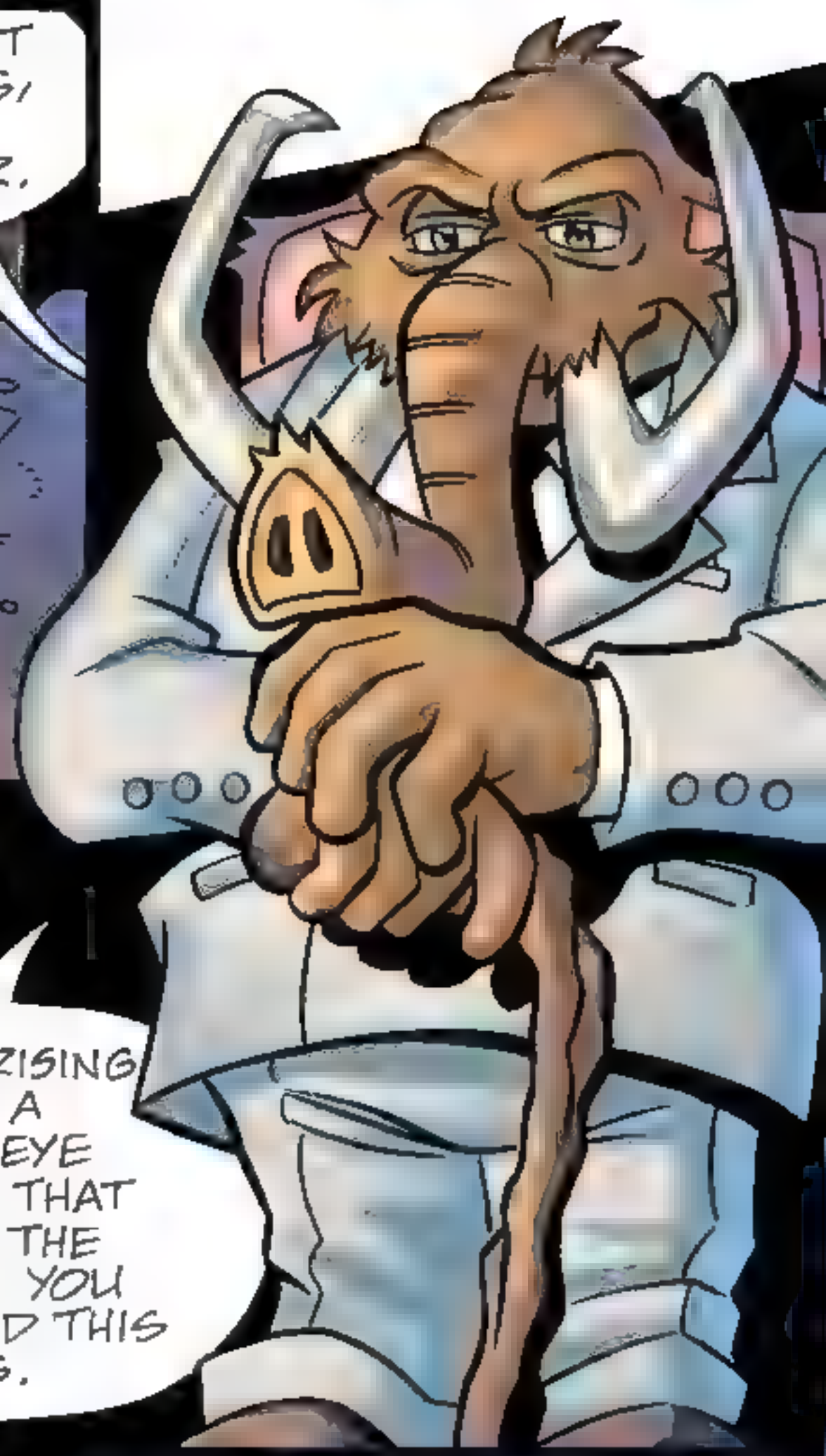
WHHH--!

YOU'VE KEPT ME WAITING, YOUNG WARRIOR.



WH-WHO ARE YOU?

AN ENTERPRISING MAN WITH A DISCERNING EYE FOR TALENT. THAT WAS QUITE THE SPECTACLE YOU PERFORMED THIS EVENING.



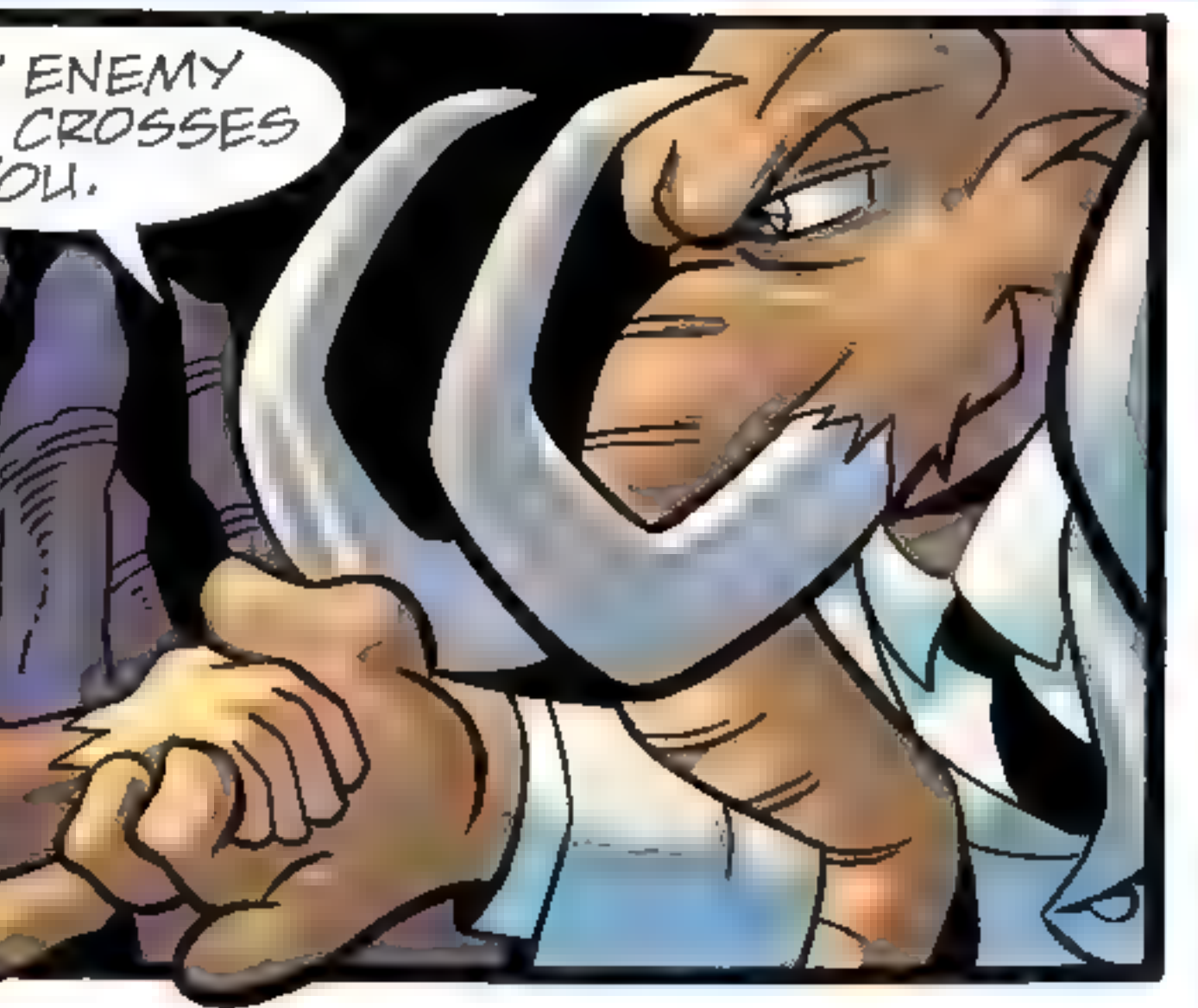
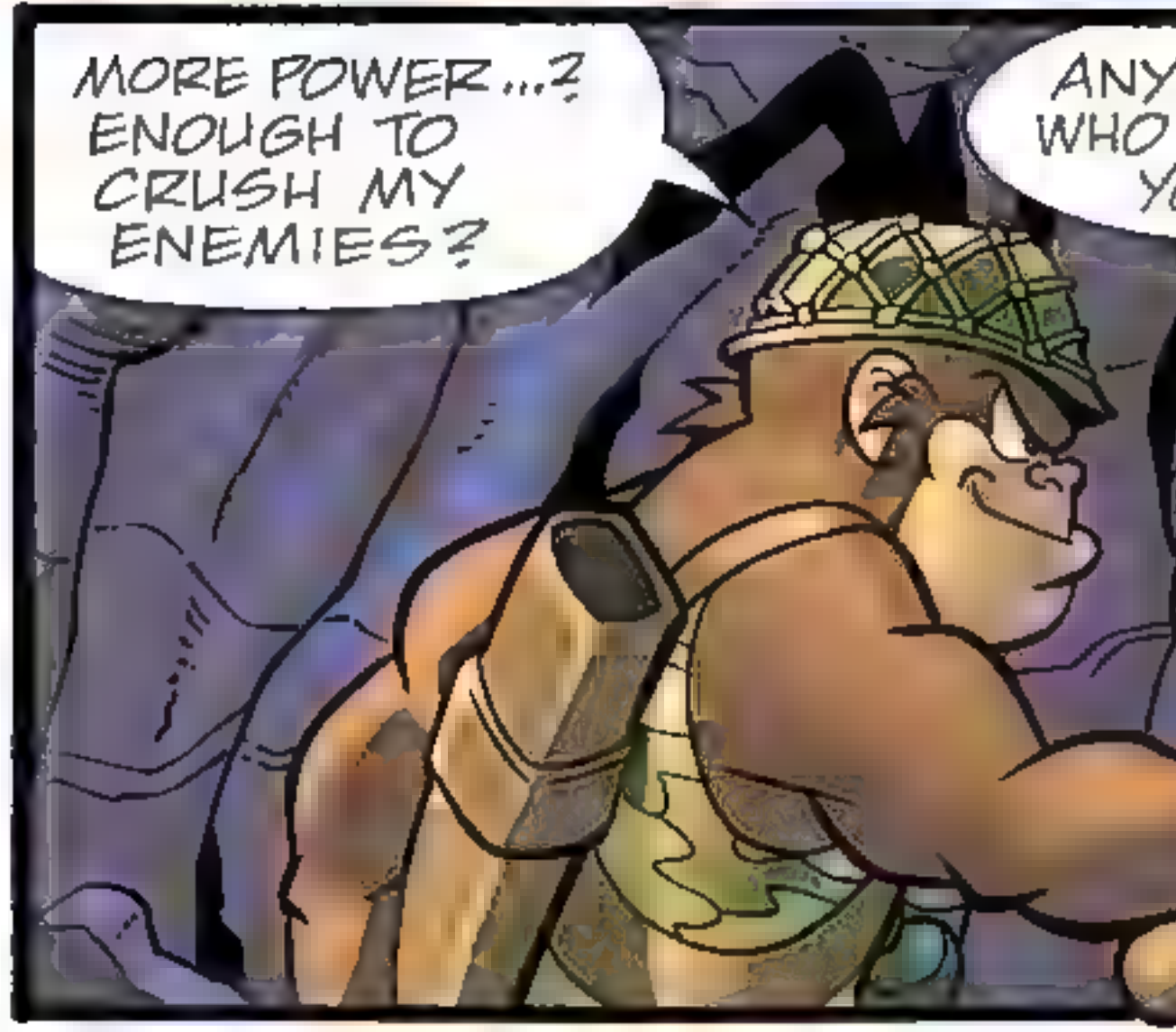
I'M NOT DEAD... I'M... NOT EVEN HURT?

THANKS TO MY POWER, THE SAME POWER THAT CAN MAKE YOU EVEN STRONGER, AS LONG AS YOU SERVE ME LOYALLY.



MORE POWER...? ENOUGH TO CRUSH MY ENEMIES?

ANY ENEMY WHO CROSSES YOU.



"I SERVED MOGUL FOR A TIME, EVEN IF I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HIS PLANS. I LEARNED THE POWER OF STRONG TEAM-MATES. THEN, WITH HIS PERMISSION, I RETURNED HOME..."



IT'S SIMON!



HE'S RETURNED TO US!

HE'S HUGE!

SIMON... I ADMIT IT. YOU WERE RIGHT ALL ALONG. PLEASE LEAD US! WE'LL MAKE YOU A SERGEANT AND EVERYTHING!



YOU KNOW... I HAVE EARNED THIS FOR ALL I'VE DONE...

... BUT YOU ALL HAVEN'T EARNED ME.





DUDE, HARSH, BUT WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH ME?

YOU ASKED WHAT I WANTED FROM YOU, I WANT TO WORK WITH THE **STRONGEST**.

DO NOT DISMISS US WITH ONE BREATH, THEN BEG FOR US IN THE NEXT. YOU CONQUERED YOUR **PLANET**. SHOW THIS PRISON--SHOW **ME**--THAT STRENGTH AGAIN.



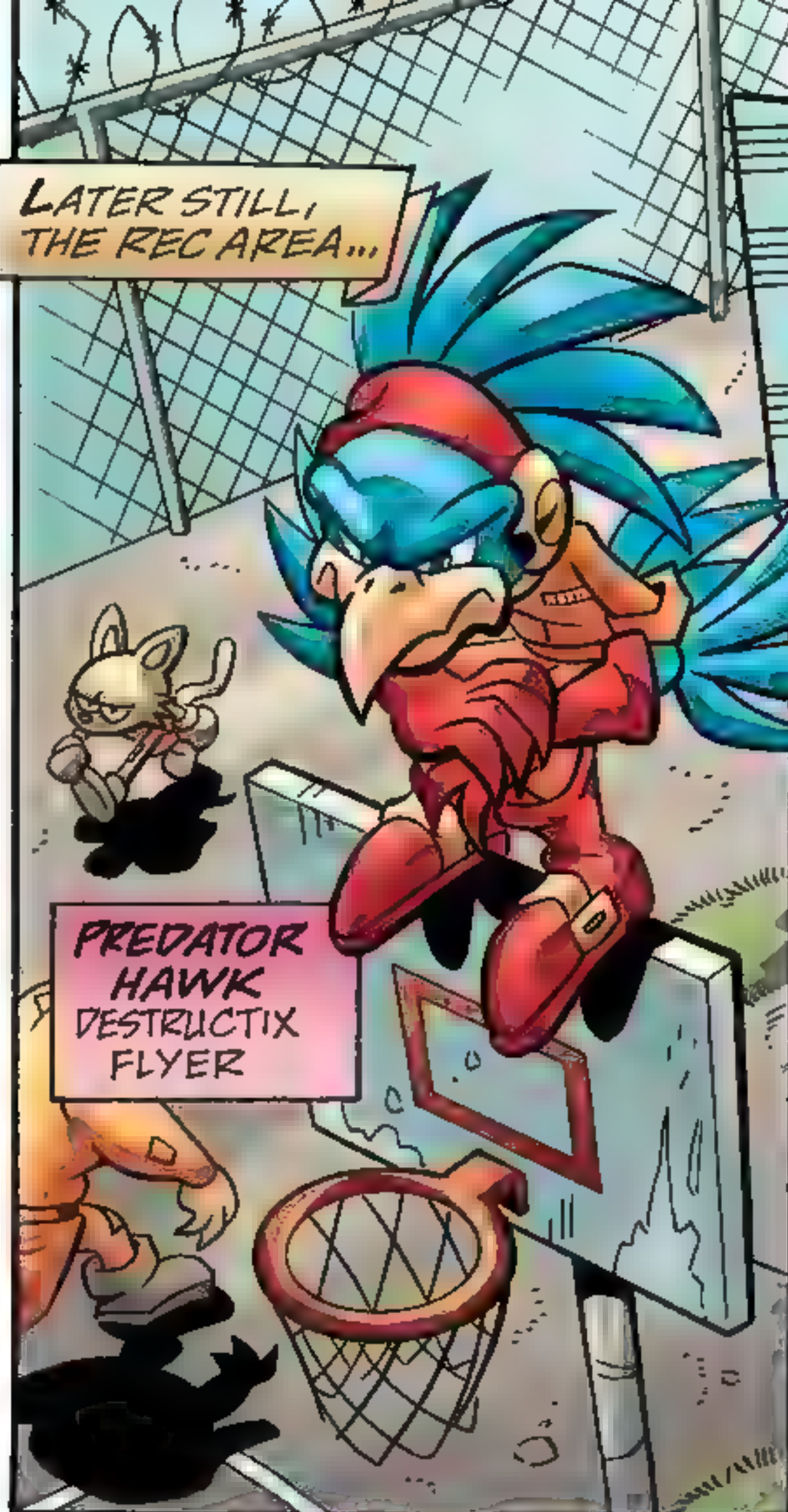
IS THAT ALL? DUDE, I **WANT** US OUT OF HERE. AND WE'LL GO STRAIGHT THROUGH ANYONE IN OUR WAY.

MUCH BETTER. I CANNOT SPEAK FOR MY COMRADES, BUT YOU HAVE MY STRENGTH.

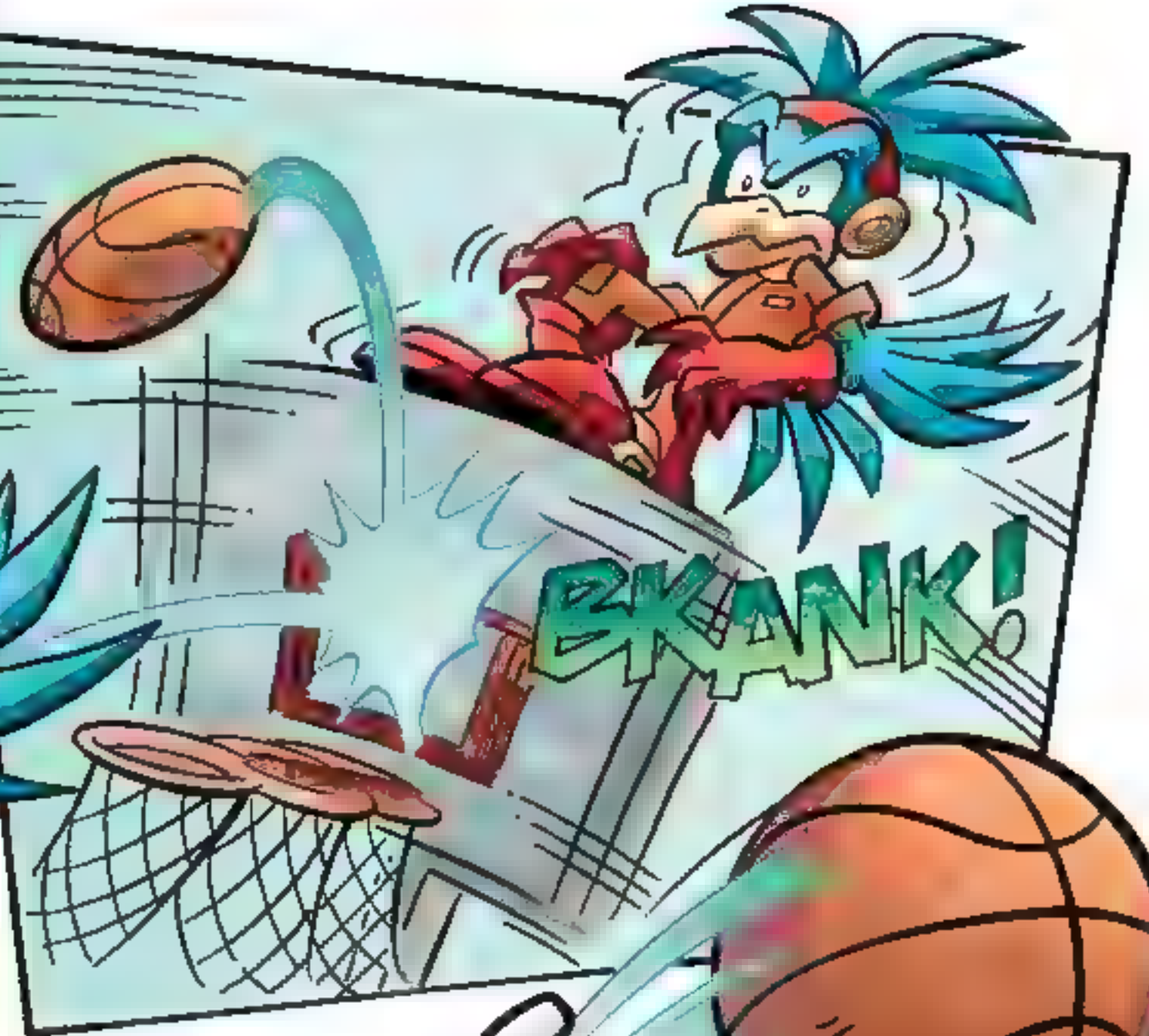


SWEET, CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU BUST HEADS, BIG GUY.

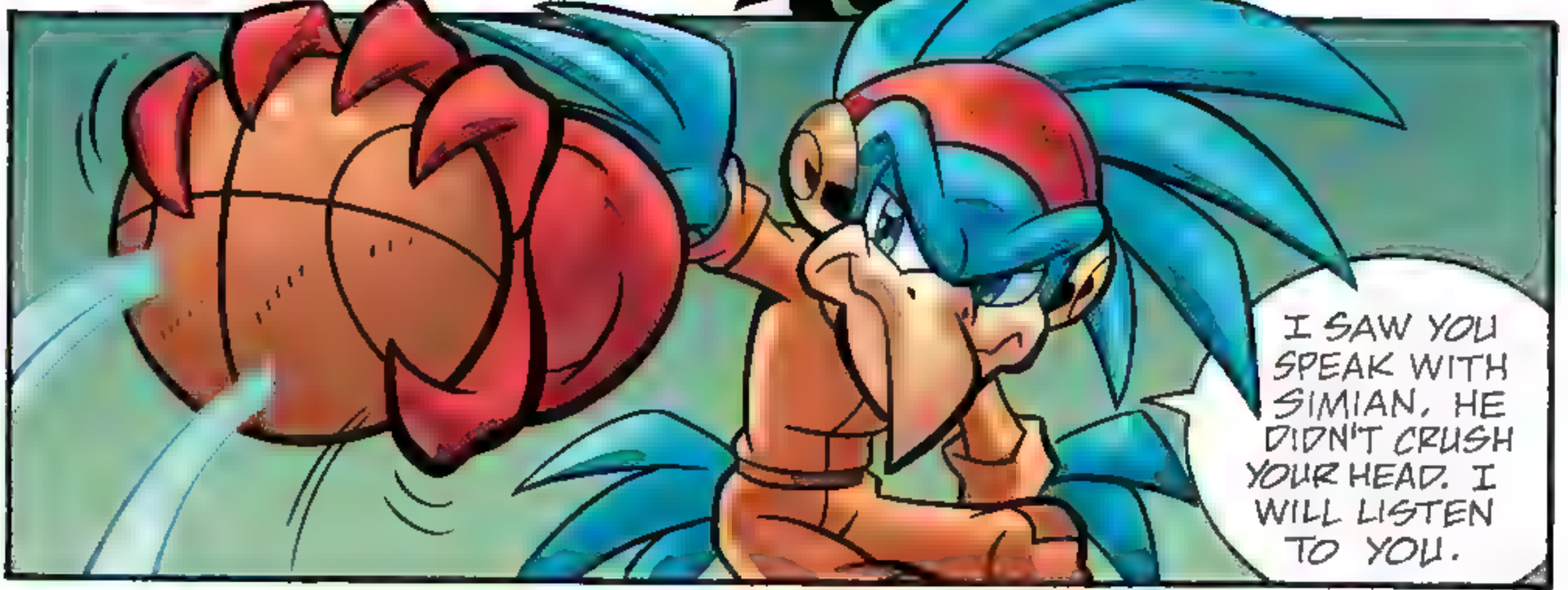
LATER STILL,
THE REC AREA...



PREDATOR
HAWK
DESTRUCTIX
FLYER



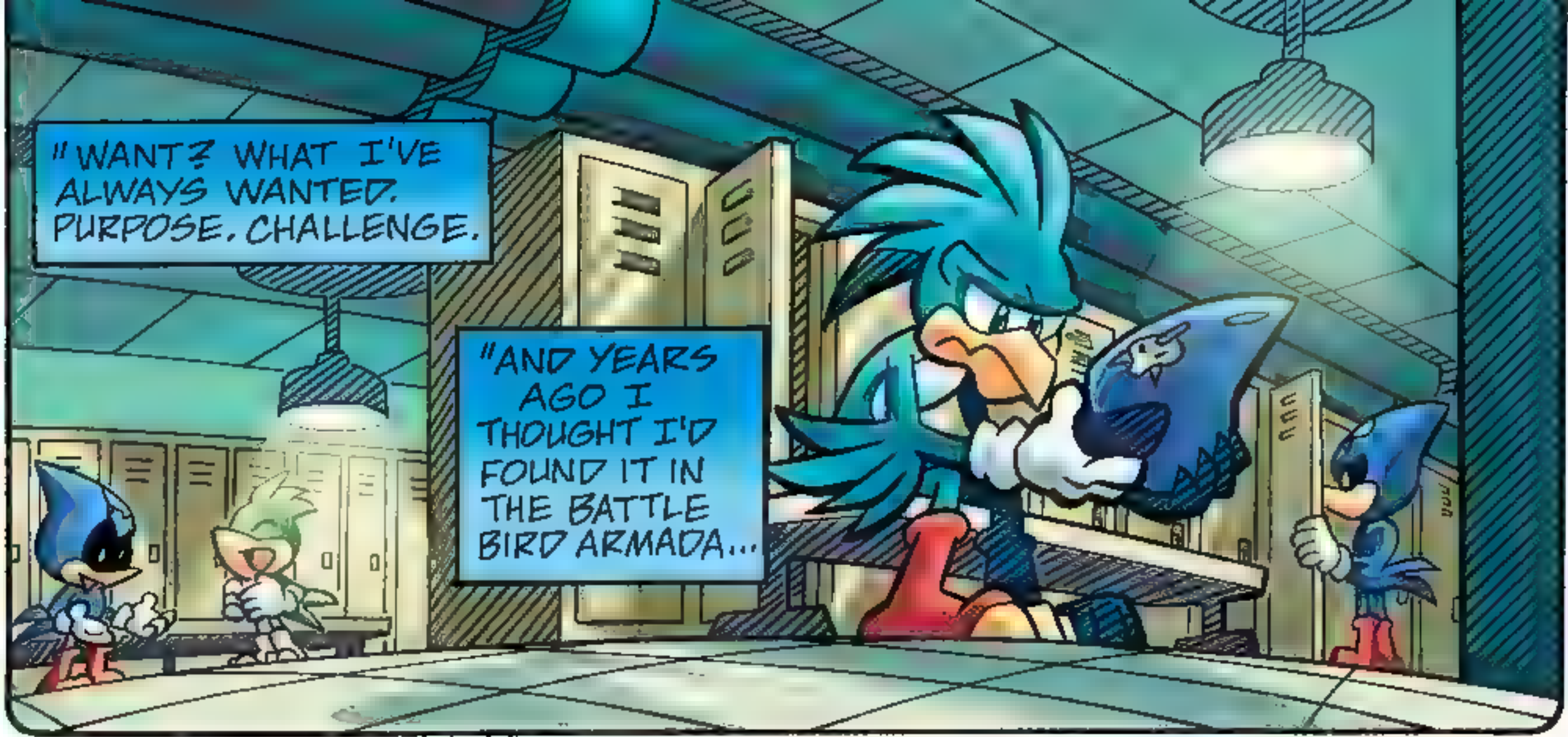
YO,
GARGOYLE!
LET'S TALK
BUSINESS!



I SAW YOU
SPEAK WITH
SIMIAN, HE
DIDN'T CRUSH
YOUR HEAD. I
WILL LISTEN
TO YOU.

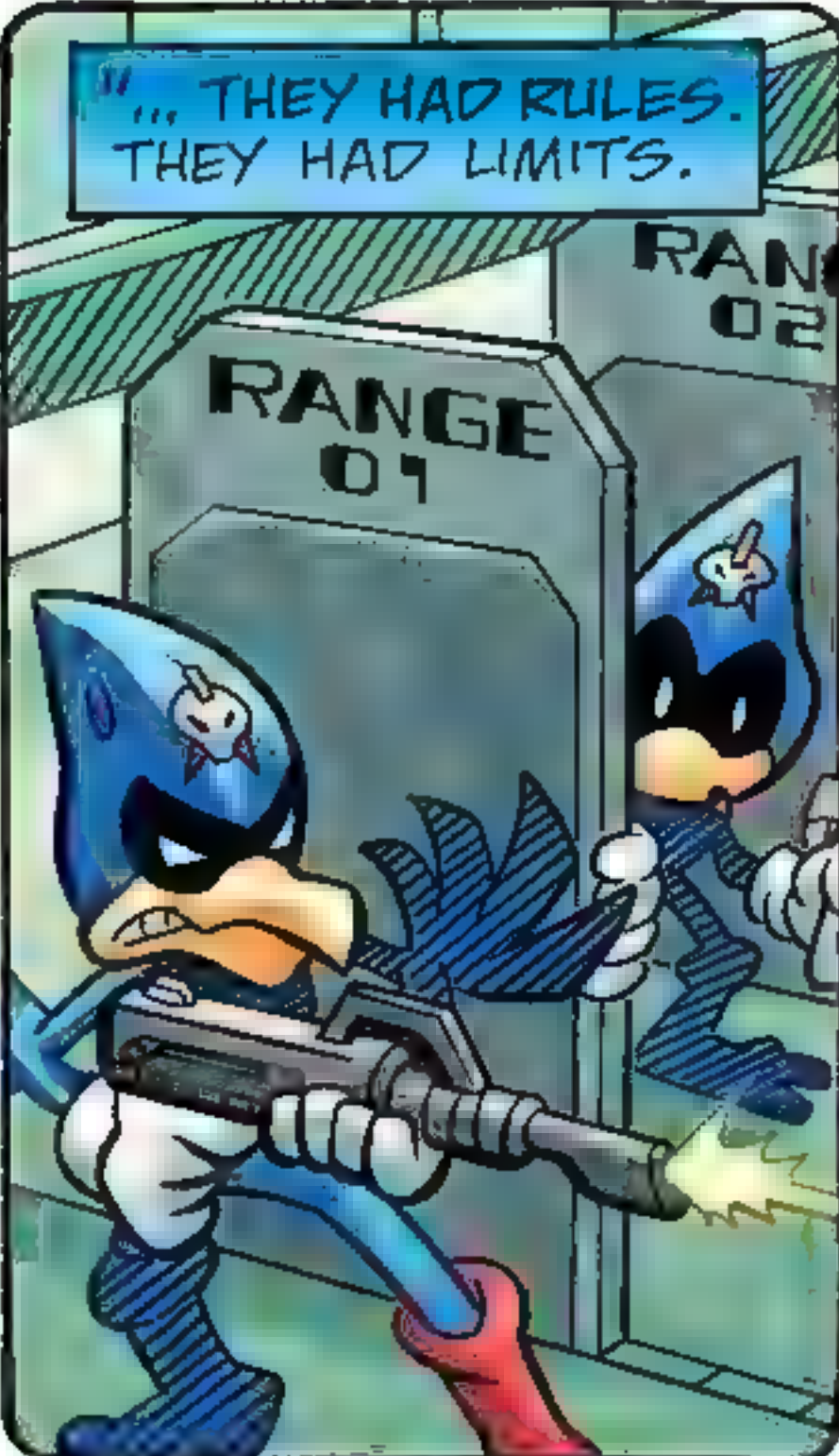


COOL,
SO...UH...
WHAT'S
YOUR DEAL,
MAN?
WHAT DO
YOU WANT
FROM
ME?



"WANT? WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED. PURPOSE. CHALLENGE."

"AND YEARS AGO I THOUGHT I'D FOUND IT IN THE BATTLE BIRD ARMADA..."



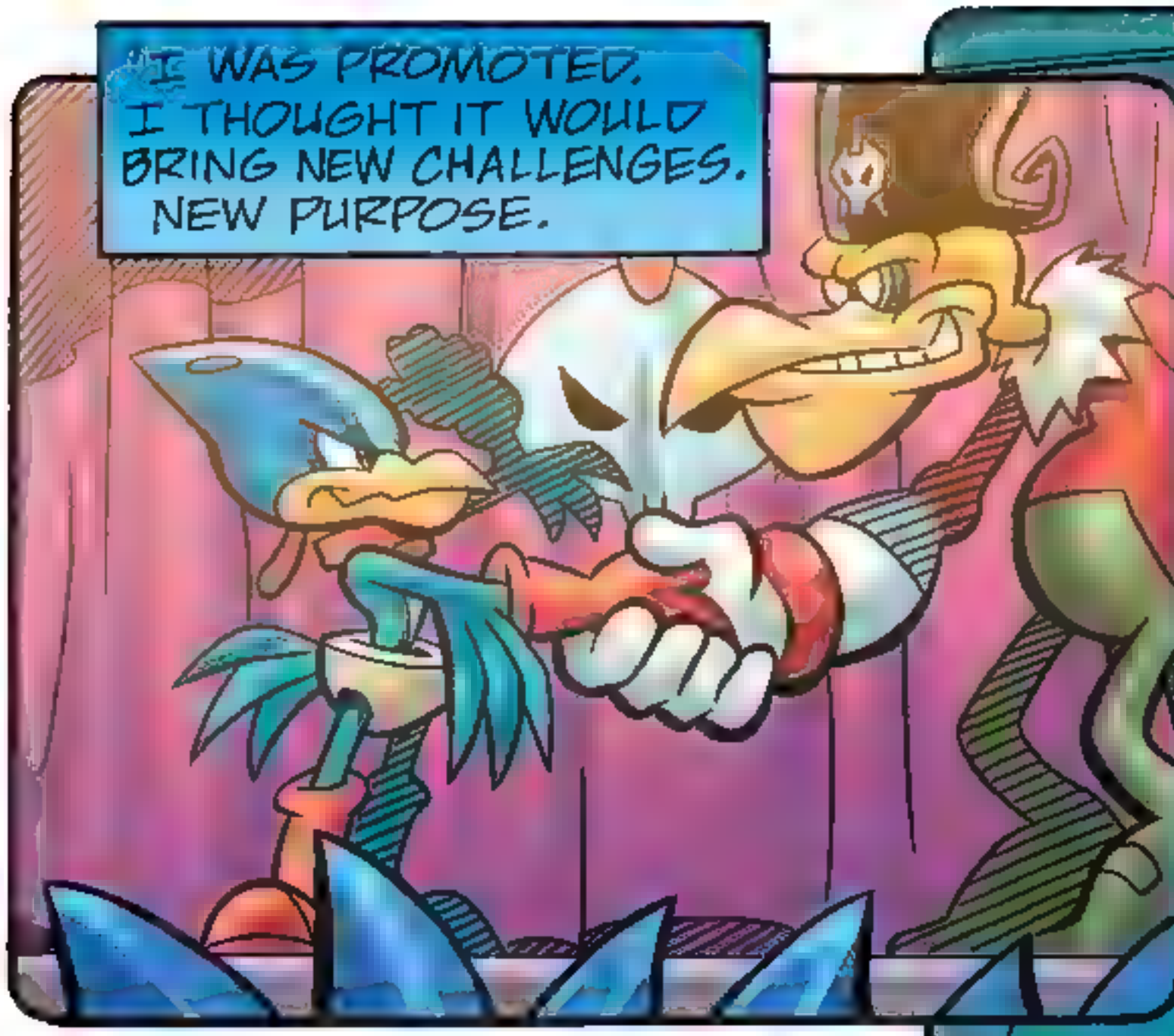
"... THEY HAD RULES. THEY HAD LIMITS."



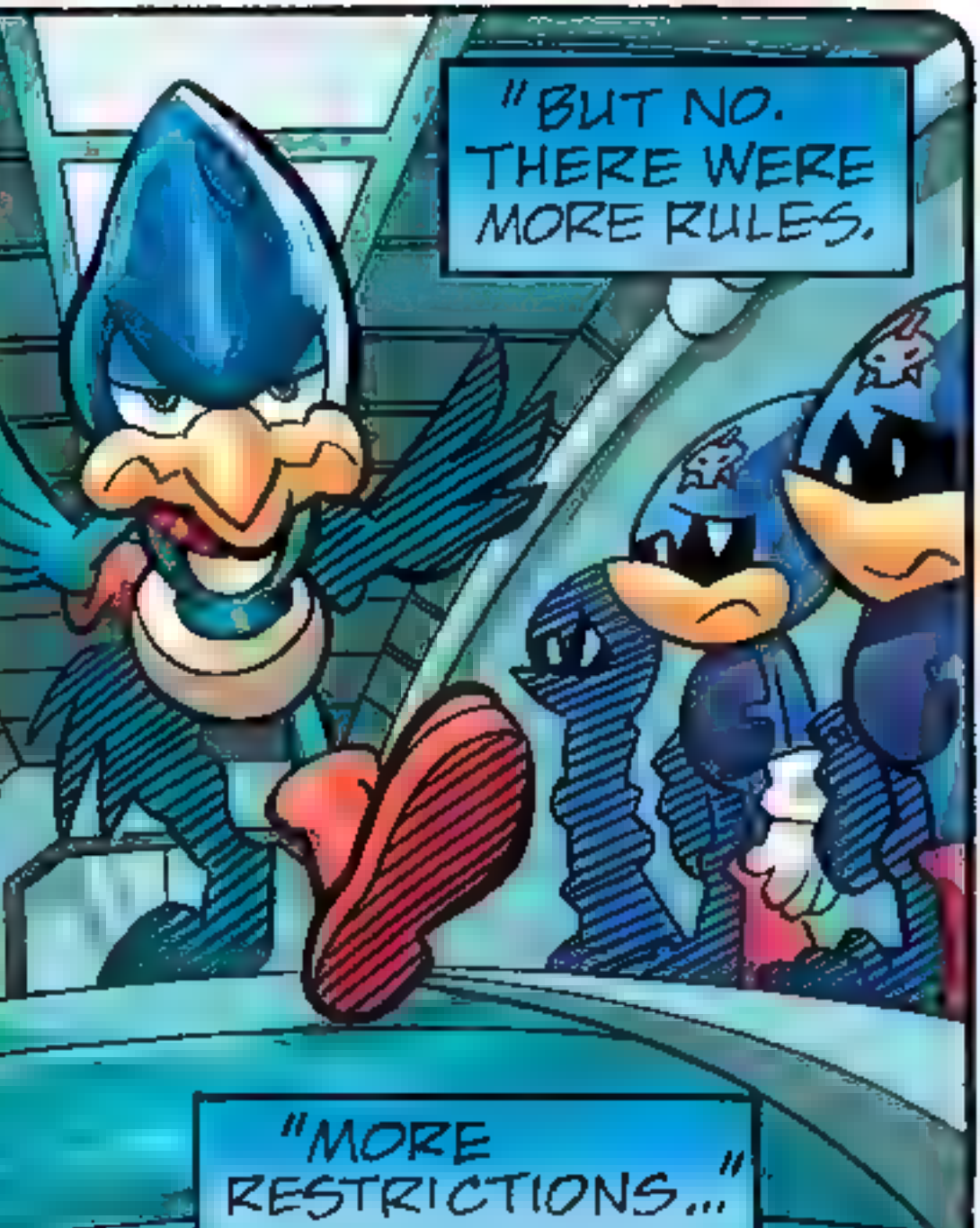
"I MET THEM. EXCEEDED THEM."



"I MADE MYSELF THE BEST."

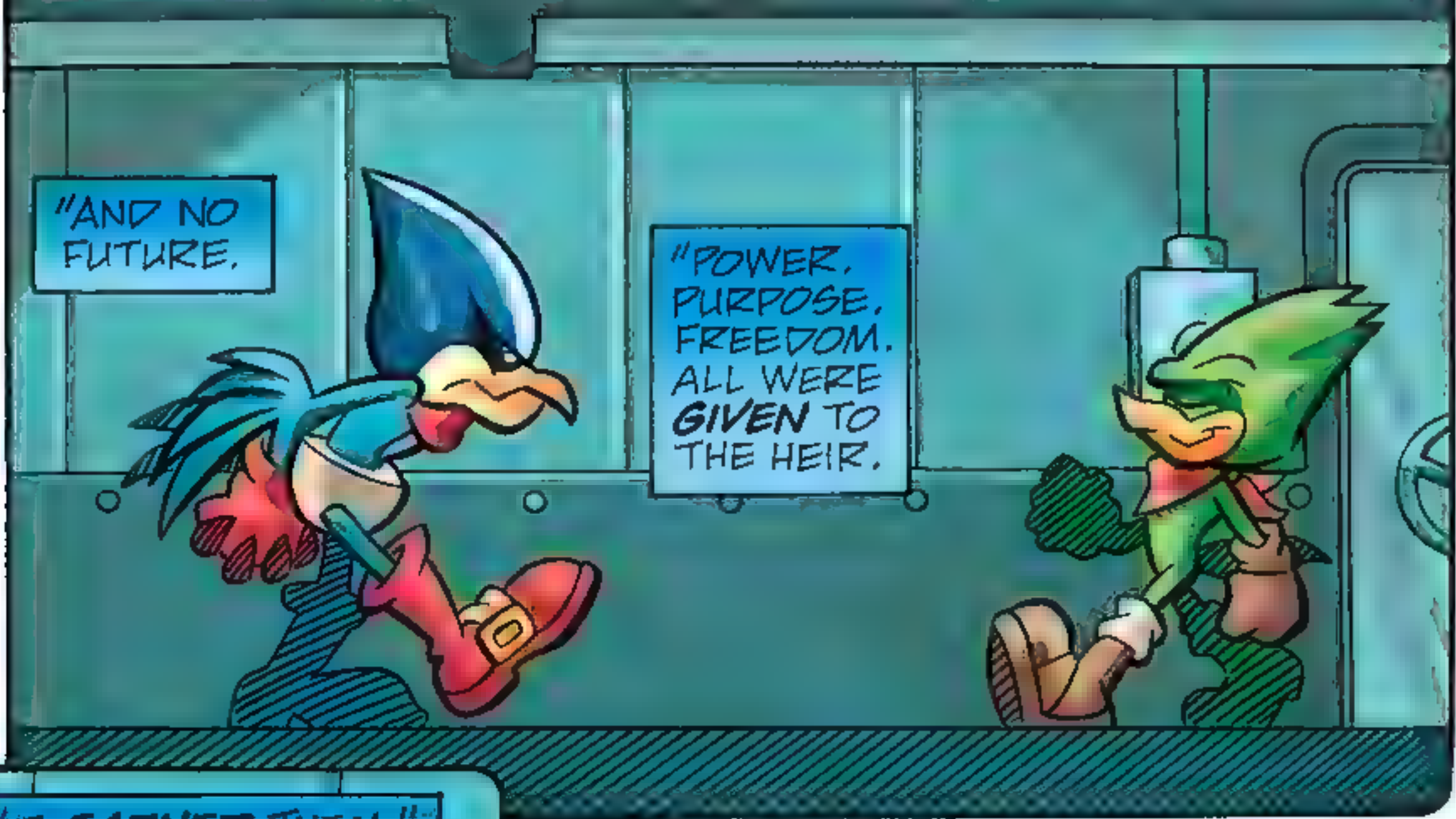


"I WAS PROMOTED. I THOUGHT IT WOULD BRING NEW CHALLENGES. NEW PURPOSE."



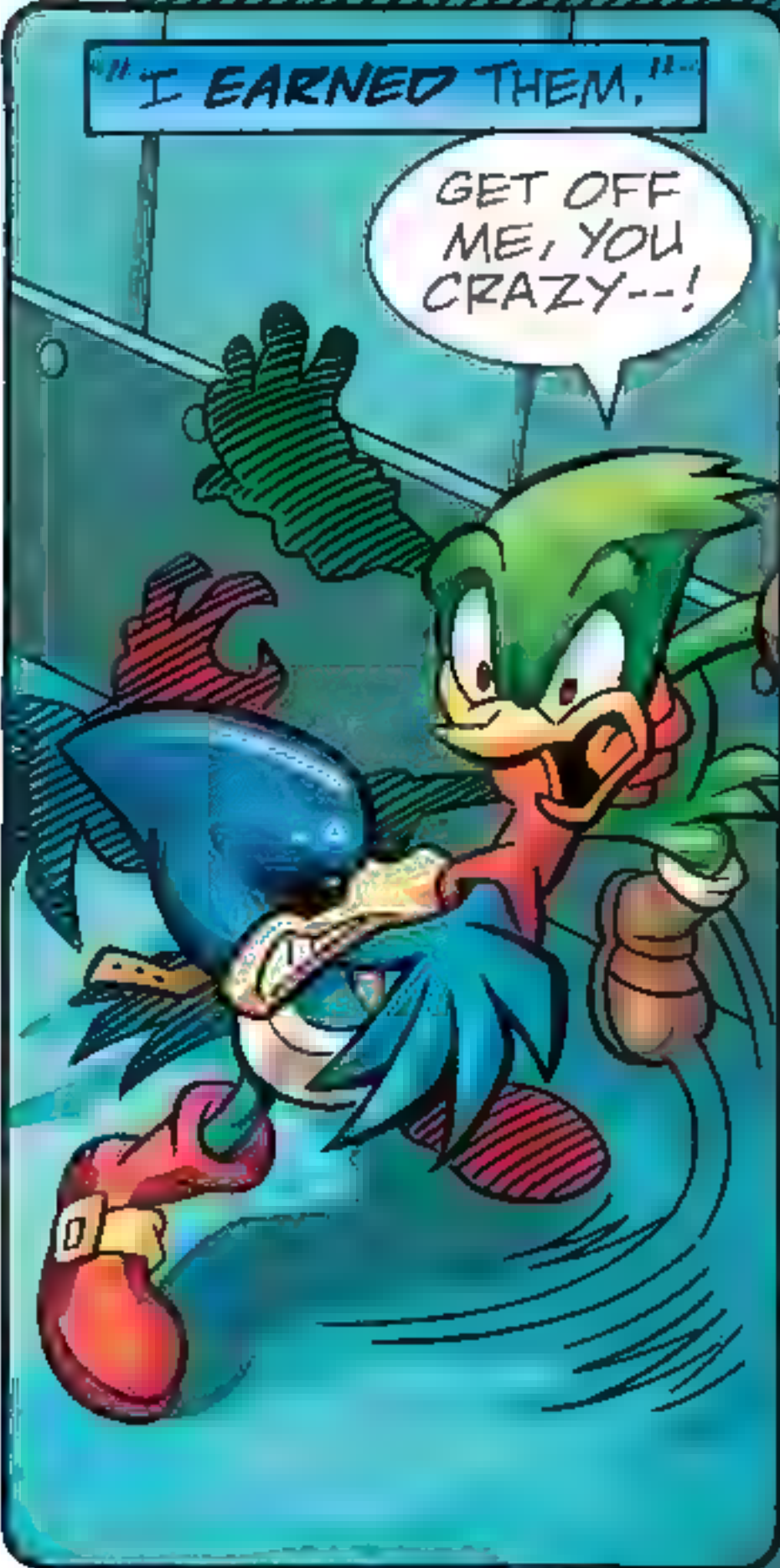
"BUT NO. THERE WERE MORE RULES."

"MORE RESTRICTIONS..."



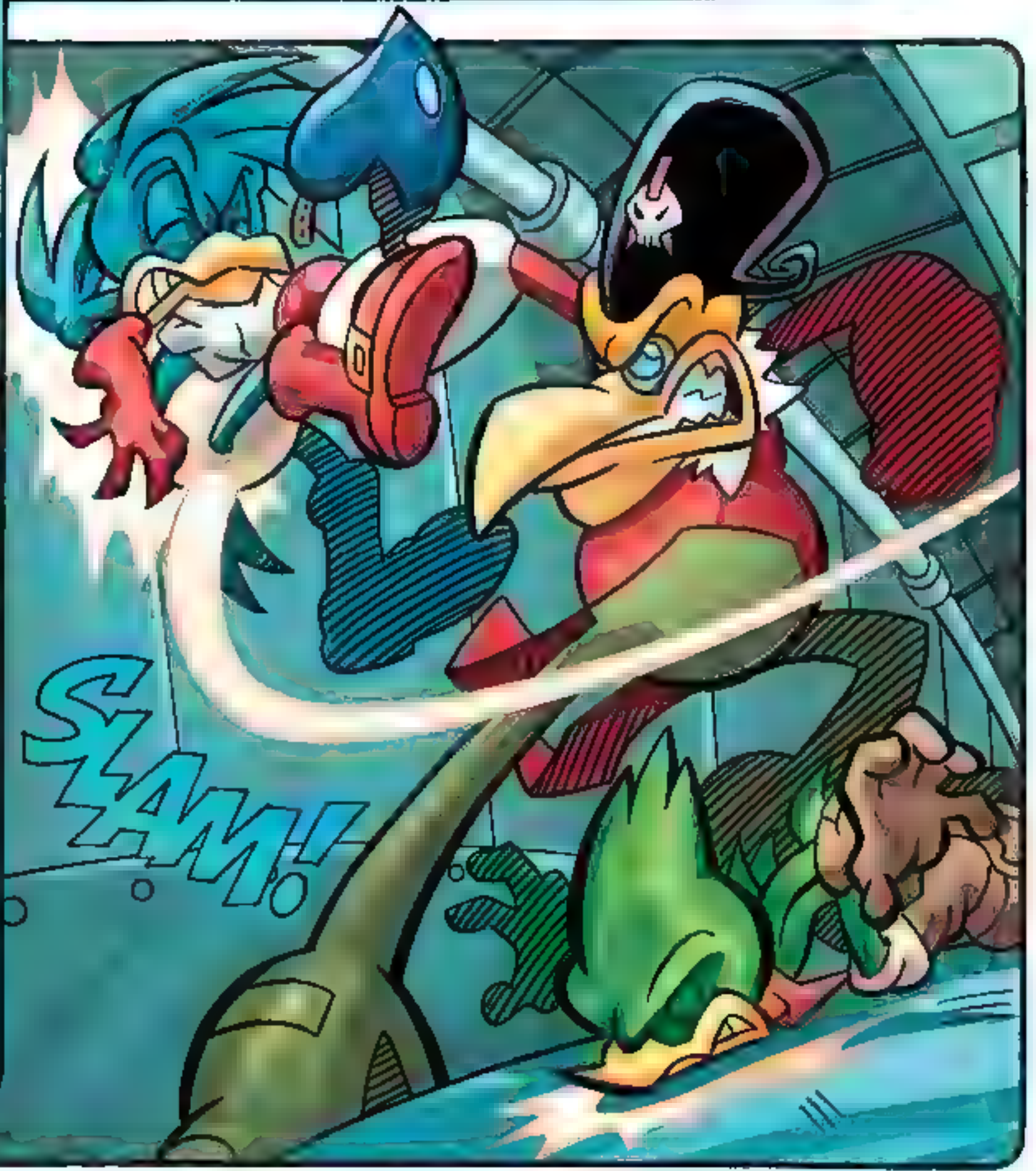
"AND NO FUTURE."

"POWER, PURPOSE, FREEDOM. ALL WERE GIVEN TO THE HEIR."



"I EARNED THEM."

GET OFF ME, YOU CRAZY---!



SLAM!



YOU DARE THREATEN YOUR FUTURE BATTLE LORD?

HE IS WEAK!
HE IS MY PREY!

I'LL CLIP YOUR WINGS FOR THAT-- AND THAT'S JUST TO START!

"BACK THEN, I HUNTED THE ROGUES. LATER, THE ROGUES FREED ME. ALMOST IRONIC."

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"THEY PROMISED NEW CHALLENGES, NEW HUNTING. LIFE ON THE RUN WAS... BETTER."

"SOMETIMES WE HUNTED THE ARMADA,"

"BUT MOSTLY WE HUNTED TREASURE."

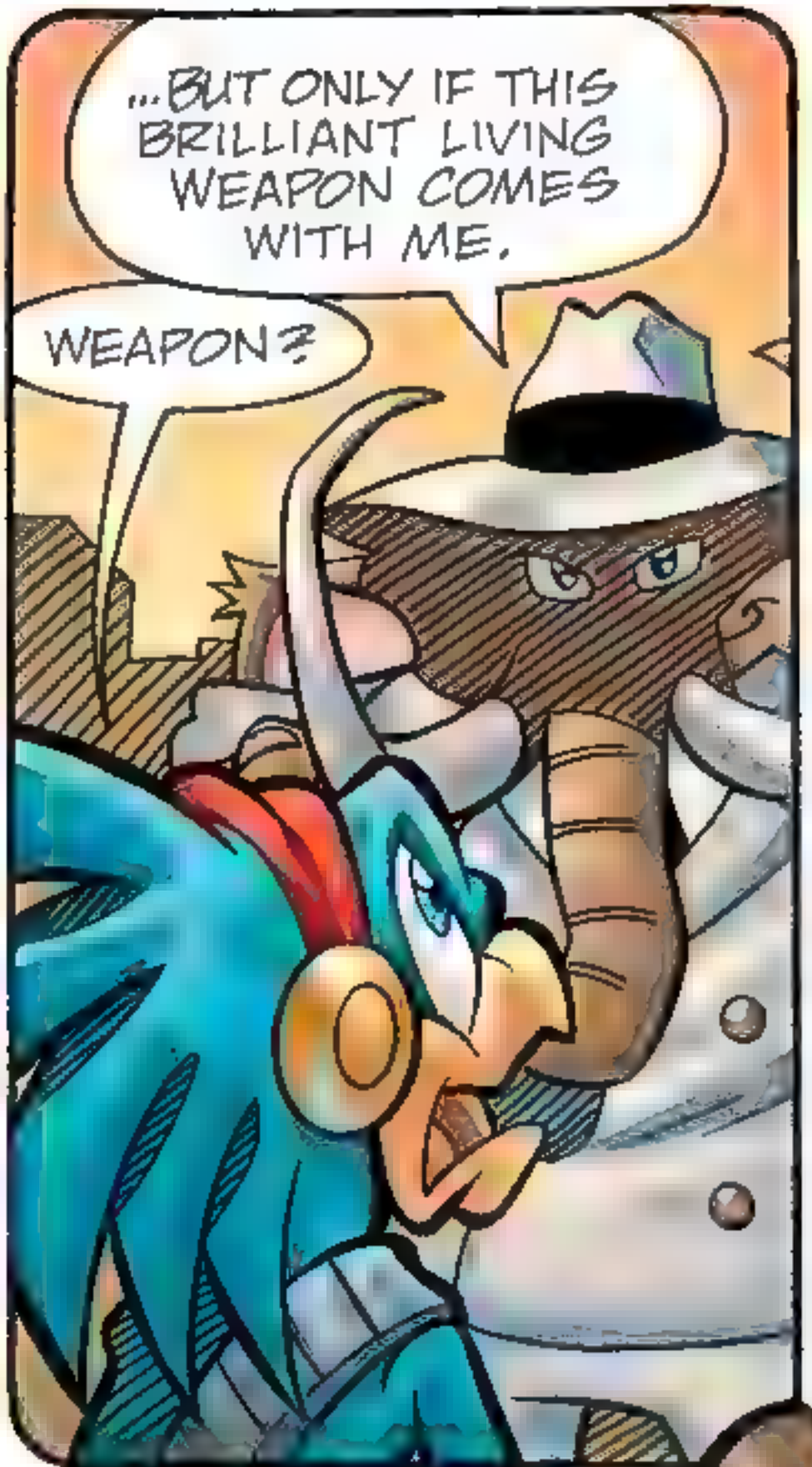
"WITH ANOTHER WEAK LEADER, HE HAD NOT EARNED HIS PLACE."



"THEN I MET HIM..."

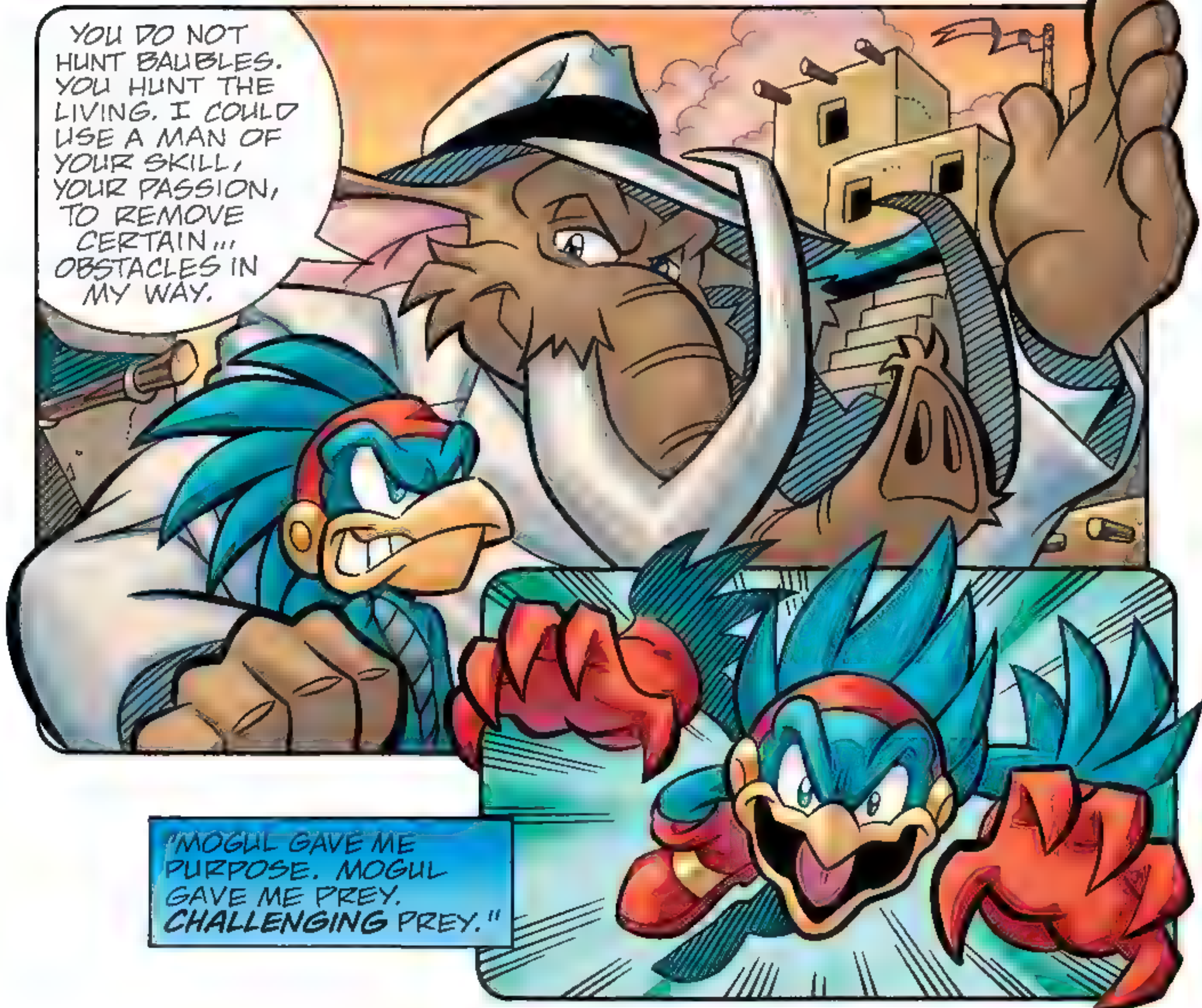
I'M TELLING YOU, MAN, IT'S GOT MYSTICAL POWERS OR SOMETHING. TWO GRAND OR I WALK.

I WILL PAY YOUR OUTRAGEOUS PRICE...



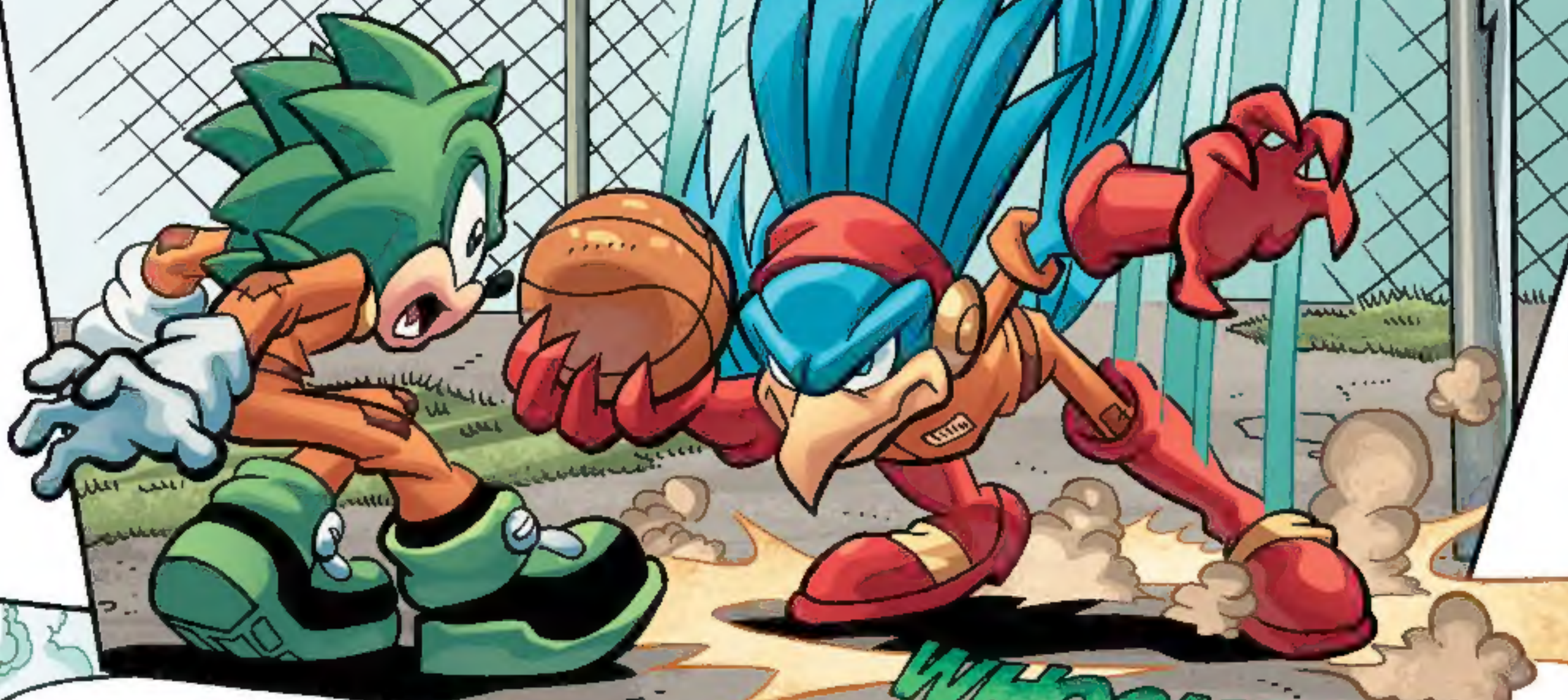
...BUT ONLY IF THIS BRILLIANT LIVING WEAPON COMES WITH ME.

WEAPON?



YOU DO NOT HUNT BAUBLES. YOU HUNT THE LIVING. I COULD USE A MAN OF YOUR SKILL, YOUR PASSION, TO REMOVE CERTAIN... OBSTACLES IN MY WAY.

"MOGUL GAVE ME PURPOSE. MOGUL GAVE ME PREY. CHALLENGING PREY."



WHOOOMP!

CHALLENGE ME. GIVE ME PREY. EARN MY RESPECT. THAT IS WHAT I WANT.

IF YOU CAN KEEP UP, I'LL LET YOU TAKE OUT A FEW GUYS FOR ME!

BETTER, I'LL BE WAITING.



BREEEEEEEEET!
ALL INMATES TO CELL BLOCK RING! DINNER TO COMMENCE AT 1800 HOURS! LIGHTS OUT AT 2100 HOURS!

DO NOT DISAPPOINT ME, OR I WILL HUNT YOU INSTEAD.



YEAH, YEAH, YEAH.





HEY, BUDDY! YOU STILL HAVE ALL YOUR LIMBS!

WE WERE WORRIED WHEN YOU WERE TALKING WITH THOSE TERRIFYING DESTRUCTIX FELLOWS!

I WAS SCHEDULING TIMES TO GET BEAT-UP. I NEED TIME TO HEAL IN BETWEEN, Y'KNOW?

WELL THAT'S... COURTEOUS OF YOU.

IF A BIT NIHILISTIC.



IT'S ALL GOOD. THE SCHEDULE CONFLICTS MEAN I GET A WEEK WITHOUT A SERIOUS THRASHING.

NOW THOSE ARE MANAGEMENT SKILLS!

WOULD YOU MANAGE OUR CALENDARS? WE'RE FRIGHTFULLY OVER-BOOKED FOR PUMMELINGS!

SMILE WHILE YOU CAN, SNOT. I STOLE FIVE TRAYS OF BEANS AT DINNER! HUH HUH \Rightarrow SNORTE \Rightarrow HUH HUH!

WON'T MAKE MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU, SMALLS.



Uh...
WHAT?

NEVER
MIND,
MAN,

TWO MORE OF THOSE
MORONS TO WIN OVER,
AND THEN WE BUST OUT
OF HERE, BUT NOT
BEFORE I REPAY A
FEW DEBTS...

SCOURGE'S GANG IS COMING TOGETHER! BUT CAN HE CONVINCE--OR SURVIVE--THE REMAINING TWO MEMBERS? MORE REVELATIONS AND THE MOMENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR NEXT TIME!

UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS THE EPIC **GENESIS SAGA** GOING ON IN **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** RIGHT NOW! PLUS ALL THE SWEET NEW SONIC GRAPHIC NOVELS HEADING YOUR WAY!

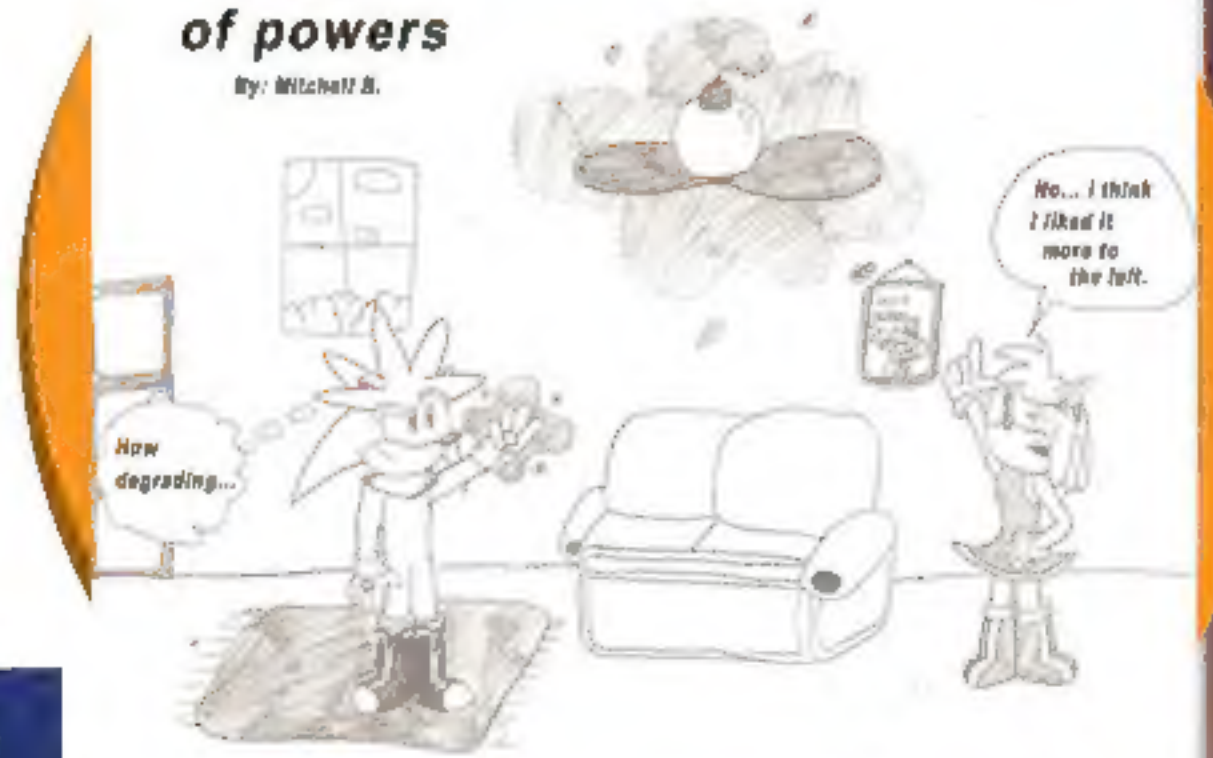


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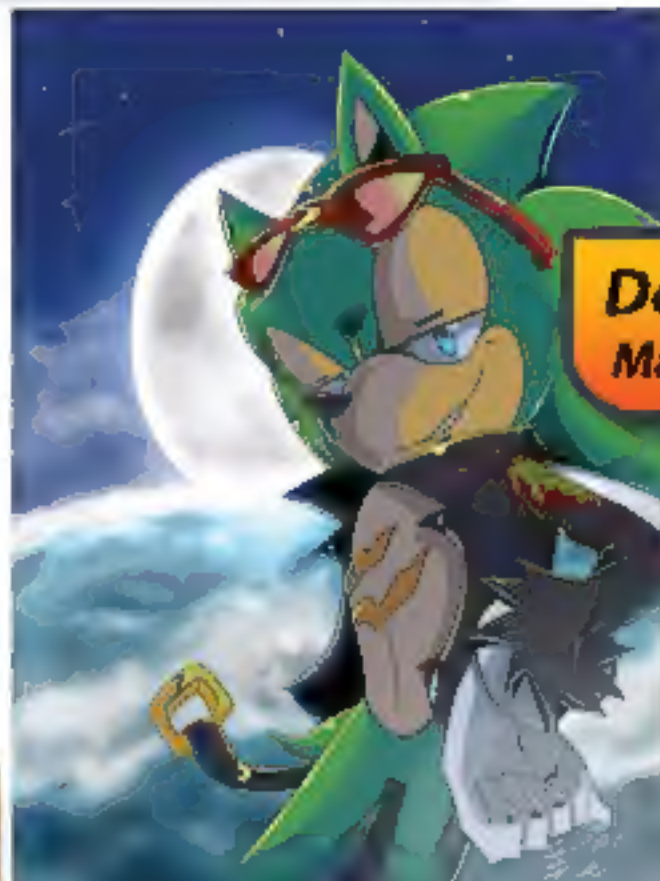
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